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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres proclaimed yesterday that U.S. and CNMI flags be flown at half-staff in honor of the Las Vegas shooting incident victims last Sunday evening, Las Vegas time. In respect to the victims, President

Torres proclaims half-staff for LV victims

» **CNMI follows Trump's order for half-staff**

Donald J. Trump ordered that all U.S. flags in public buildings, grounds, military posts and naval stations, and on all naval vessels be flown at half-

staff until the sunset of Oct. 6, 2017.

Torres declared a similar proclamation, also directing that the flag of the CNMI be flown at half-staff for

the same length of time.

Torres also released a statement on the recent Las Vegas shooting, dubbed by major news outlet CNN as the "deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history."

"Our hearts are with the people of Las Vegas. This is a terrible tragedy that affects all of us. I'm very relieved to hear that all of our staff of our [Commonwealth] Casino Commission, who are there for training, are safe. I know that many of us here in the CNMI have family members and

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GAO REPORT ON CNMI: 'Labor shortage may impair ability to pay debts'

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The latest U.S. Government Accountability Office's U.S. territories public debt outlook report to Congressional Committees echoes a familiar tune: the CNMI's reliance on foreign workers.

The GAO report specifies that the CNMI, though having decreased its Gross Domestic Product, or GDP, to debt by 16 percent, may have trouble in "repaying public debt in the future"

» **CNMI debt to GDP ratio decreased to 16 pct.**

due to the labor shortages. According to the GAO report, the previous GDP to debt ratio was 23 percent in fiscal year 2005 to 26 percent in fiscal year

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Torres: Contract workers are not just numbers

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres expressed the CNMI's need to retain contract workers by saying that they are not just numbers, but an integral part of the CNMI community.

Speaking to nursing students at Northern Marianas Col-



Torres

lege last week, the discussion about the plight of CW-1 visa workers came up when a student asked Torres about the issue.

"The CW-1 issue is a very critical part of our economy. They are the driving force of today's development. Without them, there will be a shortfall of labor here. We are currently work-

ing with various agencies such as the U.S. Citizenship Immigration Services and Homeland Security in [Washington, D.C.] about our continuous need for contract workers," Torres said.

Currently, the CNMI has 12,998 CW slots for fiscal year 2017 plus the recent 350 slots that opened which specifically identified CW slots for nurses and engineers. Tor-

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The rapid-fire popping sounded like firecrackers at first, and many in the crowd of 22,000 country music fans didn't understand what was happening.

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Tom Petty, an old-fashioned rock superstar and everyman who drew upon the Byrds, the Beatles and other bands, has died. He was 66.

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1 of alleged victims in CW-1 case testifies

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One of the alleged victims in the CW-1 scam testified yesterday in the ongoing jury trial of five defendants in the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

Mohammad Tazizul Islam testified how Zeaur Rahman Dalu, his former childhood friend and classmate in Bangladesh, recruited him to come to Saipan in exchange for a large amount of money.

Dalu is among the six defendants in this case. He had already pleaded guilty. The remaining defendants on trial

are TBK Auto Shop owner David Trung Quoc Phan, Phan's fiancée Analyn Nunez, Muksedur Rahman, Rahman's wife Shahinur Akter, and Md. Rafiqul Islam.

Witness Mohammad Tazizul Islam will continue his testimony today, Wednesday, at 8am.

Aside from witness Islam, the U.S. government also called to the witness stand yesterday U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services California Service Center senior immigration officer Monica Verma and Department of Homeland Security-Home-

land Security Investigations special agent Michael Del Rosario Lansangan.

At direct examination conducted by assistant U.S. attorney James Benedetto, witness Islam said he used to operate a rental car business in Bangladesh.

He said Dalu told him in Bangladesh that he could help him go to America or Saipan to work for 150,000 in Bangladeshi Taka a month.

Dalu allegedly told him and that he could also get his wife and children.

Islam said Dalu told him that on Saipan they would both op-

erate a rental car business.

He said Dalu told him to pay a large amount of money in exchange for getting a job on Saipan.

Islam said he talked with his family and they decided to sell his car to raise money. He then renewed his expired passport.

Islam said he was asked to pay 57,000 Taka to Dalu's mother, Jamela Khatun, in Bangladesh.

He said Dalu went back to Saipan and that it took nine months to get his visa.

When Dalu returned to Bangladesh, he asked him who would process his papers to come to Saipan, and that Dalu said he handed his papers to defendant Rahman.

He said Dalu asked for more money.

Islam said he raised more money with the help of his uncle, his father, and by selling his wife's jewelry that he gave during their wedding.

Islam said it was one and a half months later after he made such payment when his contract papers arrived in Bangladesh.

He said Dalu then went back to Saipan.

He said he was concerned with the contract papers as it's in English and that his signature was already there or pre-signed.

Senior immigration officer Verma basically testified on some documents in this case that she reviewed and her talks with assistant U.S. attorney Benedetto about the case.

Verma said the consulate office will notify USCIS if there is a fraudulent type of documents or fraudulent indicators, for further action.

Verma said to her knowledge, TBK Auto Cares, is not in the USCIS' debarred employers' list.

Defendant Phan owns TBK.

HSI special agent Lansangan testified he is the co-case agent in this case.

Lansangan said he first to know about the case in early September 2016 when DHS resident agent-in-charge Mark Yamanaka and HIS Task Force Officer Jesse Dubrall received information from a lawyer about complainants.

He said two of the complaining individuals initially met with Yamanaka. Lansangan said after the interview, they then reviewed the cellphones of some complainants.

He said he participated in the interviews of the workers conducted by Yamanaka and Dubrall.

He said based on their interview, they identified defendant Rahman as the "originator" in the scheme.

He said the interview was around in mid-October 2016.

Lansangan said they were able to identify Curtwill Corp as one petitioner for CW-1 and TBK Auto Cares or United Brother as the other petitioner.

Lansangan said there were six total workers petitioned by TBK from Bangladesh.

He said Curtwill petitioned over 400 workers for CW-1 permits.

Lansangan said he was the primary agent in the case against Arlene Hart, who owns and is the president of Curtwill.

Hart was charged in separate case and pleaded guilty.

Lansangan said during their

raid at TBK on March 10, 2017, he met its administrative officer, Nenita Batuigas.

He said they also came across bank receipts showing that that complaining workers had paid money to some individuals to get jobs on Saipan.

He said the workers came from Bangladesh and they paid large amount of money for recruitment fee, but found "little to no work" on Saipan,

Upon defendant Rahman's counsel Robert Torres' question, Lansangan identified the lawyer who brought the complaining 14 individuals as Pamela Brown.

Lansangan said to his knowledge, there was no mention about a promise about a "green card" for the workers.

He said certain workers admitted in fact they were not truthful.

Lansangan said not any of those 14 was prosecuted criminally.

He said he assisted the 14 in their applications for parole in place so they can stay legally in the CNMI while their case was being investigated.

Not all of them received parole, so Lansangan said he applied continued presence for a temporary immigration status for the complaining workers so they could cooperate with the U.S. government in the investigation.

He said some of them are working now.

On assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley's question, Lansangan said the continued presence is used as an investigative tool to allow their witnesses to remain in the U.S. or CNMI.

He agreed with defense counsel Bruce Berline, counsel for defendant Rafiqul Islam, that he did not go to Bangladesh to conduct investigation and that he also did not make such request.

Manglona issues show-cause order against woman suing DPL, ex-secretary Pete A.

The federal court has ordered a woman who sued the Department of Public Lands and its then-secretary Pedro A. Tenorio over grazing permit matter in 2015, to explain why the lawsuit should not be dismissed.

In an order to show cause issued on Monday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said no proof of service of the lawsuit on any defendants DPL and Tenorio has been made.

Manglona said no waiver of service has been filed.

The judge said if within 14 days from Monday plaintiff



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SUCCESS!

Job-Specific Mandarin graduates show off their certificates and join representatives from the Commonwealth Casino Commission, Department of Labor acting secretary Vicky I. Benavente, and the executive managers of Imperial Pacific International for a group photo during the graduation ceremony of Table Games Training event held at the 4th floor of Bank Guam Friday afternoon.

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Baldwin says it is IRS that has to pay him

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Bridge Capital LLC chief executive officer John K. Baldwin said yesterday that although the federal court ordered him to pay a \$2.1 million tax and penalty capped at 15 percent, it is the Internal Revenue Service that owes him.

Asked for comments about the federal court's order, Baldwin said this was a complicated tax case that people are confused about.

Baldwin said the essence

of this case is that the IRS has overcharged him on taxes, which he paid.

He said IRS then agreed to refund him over \$4 million that is overcharged, subject to an offset for taxes owed on another matter.

"It is the IRS who now has to pay me. I don't have to pay them," Baldwin said.

Last Thursday, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood ordered Baldwin to pay \$2,085,902 and a penalty arising from his investment in Claston, a

limited liability company in Delaware.

The federal tax dispute was settled in 2012 when the U.S. government agreed that a \$4.1 million (plus interest) tax refund was due to Baldwin after the U.S. government wrongfully demanded approximately \$5 million in taxes.

Baldwin had paid the \$5 million, but he and Claston LLC then filed two lawsuits against the U.S. government. The U.S. government eventually conceded that the \$5 million were in large

part not due.

Baldwin then agreed that

PSS students with disabilities in decline

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The number of students with disabilities is about 9 percent of the current public school student population as of June 30, 2017, according to Public School System Special Education coordinator Suzzane Lizama.

The figure is 1 percent lower compared to last year

any amount due as a result of the resolution of the Claston case could be deducted from his refund.

Tydingco-Gatewood's or-

der last Thursday resolved the two remaining issues in the two lawsuits as it finally completed calculations about tax due and interest.

evolved. Today, students with special needs are given the chance to pursue higher education opposed to the time she had just started, when it was considered lucky for special needs children to even graduate high school.

This year there are currently 927 special needs children enrolled in the Public School System's special education

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Permanent leadership memorial monument at kiosku mounted

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The 14th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council held a rededication ceremony at the Kiosku Round House in Chalan Kanoa to showcase the newly mounted granite leadership memorial monument.

The kiosku was first dedicated five years ago with the sole purpose of honoring individuals who have worked to shape the Commonwealth into what it is today. Five years

later, it has been rededicated with a newly established granite monument that is engraved with the names of the islands past leaders.

Last Friday, municipal council chair L.J. Castro said that the monument will serve to permanently immortalize the names of all the men and women who have lifted the island up from hardship and have paved ways for the leaders after to further develop the island.

Etched on the monument are names of past leaders. The

monument includes the names of leaders even before the island had a municipal government and it also includes the names of the current government leaders.

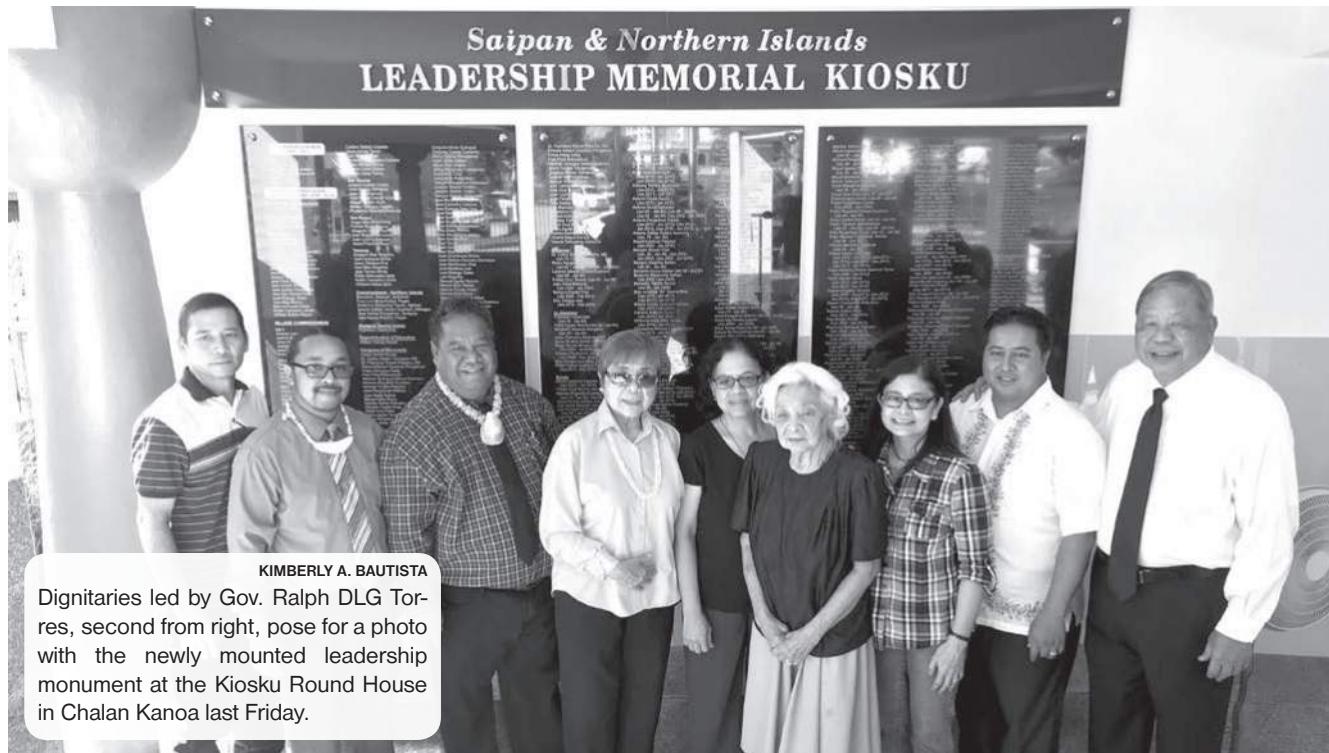
According to Castro, the monument will not only serve as reminder of important individuals of the islands history, but will also serve as a place where the new generation can come for encouragement.

"Carved into these stones are the names of people whose work helped enlighten

the leaders of tomorrow," said Castro.

The memorial monument is also significant for a few of the island's current local government leaders. Castro said that the monument also serves as a timeline for a few of our current leaders. The monument documents the previous leadership roles a few current leaders had taken up before getting to where they are at today.

"As you look through the names carved into the stone, you can also see some of our



KIMBERLY A. BAUTISTA

Dignitaries led by Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, second from right, pose for a photo with the newly mounted leadership monument at the Kiosku Round House in Chalan Kanoa last Friday.

NUMBERS

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res expressed concern over the situation when only a certain number of contract workers are maintained in the CNMI.

"If we only maintain that, that means our economy can only grow that much. It's a steady economy because of our labor. But if we do not increase labor, our economy will also not increase," he said.

According to Torres, he is set to fly to Washington, D.C. this weekend to meet with federal officials and legislators.

"I'm flying to D.C. to meet with the Department of Homeland Security of USCIS and several senators who are lobbying and working to extend the CW situation in the CNMI from 2019 to 10 years after that. So we are going to ask the Legislature, the 436 congressmen and 100 senators to lobby on our importance here," he said.

Torres said we need to show the "whys" why we need CW workers and why do we need to ask for extension.

"Their biggest concern is why do we continue to ask for CW workers and why can't we hire U.S. citizens? If they only knew how far we are, if they knew our geographical location, if they knew we are only 12 miles long and 4.5

miles wide, and if they only knew what it is like to be out here then it's easy to make a decision. But the reality is, probably one or two members of the [U.S.] legislature have been out here," he said.

"The people from D.C. that picks up pieces of legislation just draws down numbers. For them, reducing numbers and making regulations are much easier said than done. They do not realize the people's lives affected here," he added.

According to Torres, he, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, and the governor's staff are in constant communication with D.C. to inform them of our life here. Torres wants to emphasize that every time USCIS reduces one CW worker, the outcome is not a reduction of just one employee but it affects that person's life and the lives around that person.

Prior to 2009 and the passage of the Consolidated Natural Resources Act, or Public Law 110-229, where the federal government assumed responsibility for administration and enforcement of immigration matters in the CNMI, there were about 24,000 contract workers in the CNMI.

"The ultimate goal was to zero out all contract workers in 10 years. Even at that period of time, 2009, if you hire everyone on island, we still need

contract workers. So the truth is, no matter what stage we are in economically, we will always need contract workers because we do not have enough U.S. citizens here who is eligible to work," Torres said.

The governor said all efforts to hire U.S. citizens have been done. He mentioned Best Sunshine and Kensington Hotel even went abroad to hire U.S. citizens to work in the CNMI.

"We have two companies that went abroad. BSI spent almost \$1.2 million and was able to hire about 150 employees right before Typhoon Soudelor. But after the typhoon hit the CNMI, 80 percent of them left because they couldn't handle being without water and power," he said.

"Kensington spent over \$400,000 and able to employ only 20 people. Who will leave their state for a job that pays a little bit higher than minimum wage, pay for utilities, lodging, food, and at the same time miss their families?"

So it tells you that even if you are to go out and hire U.S. workers, it's just not viable," he added.

Torres also shared that Shirley's Coffee Shop in Susupe shut down a year ago because two of their cooks were not able to get CW-1 visa.

"How can you operate a restaurant without a chef? When

the D.C. delegate came over, we actually brought them to Shirley's and met with a lot of affected folks and businesses showing that every number that they (USCIS) reduce actually hampers our economic growth here and many live are affected," he said.

"The contract workers are not here for just one project where they come and then leave. They are part of our contributing members so it is important that we continue to go to D.C. and advocate the importance of our CW workers here," Torres added.

Torres remembered the hardships the CNMI went through several years ago when as Senate president, he was constantly being asked why he was cutting down on salaries and budget.

"Today, we are able to provide programs that we never had before because we didn't have the resources. Now, it's easy to sit down and talk about our priorities and making sure that we give you the services that the people need."

"I will do everything to stabilize the government and stretch what we have. That is the commitment from the government side," he added.

Torres' immediate plan is to ask for an increase in contract workers from 12,998 up to 18,000 and extend the program from 2019-2029.

leaders' paths as they developed into stronger leaders, such as the case with our governor, as his name appears three times on this wall," Castro said.

According to Castro, to a few individuals who may visit the courtyard, the monument might just be names on a wall, but for those like him who

live their lives with respect for those who governed the island before his time, it is a reminder that the work of governance is something shared by all generations.

"...and it is our responsibility as leaders of today to keep their memories alive to inspire the next generation of leaders," Castro said.

would have hypothetically declined by 26 to 62 percent," the report specified, adding that the planned reduction of workers "could worsen the effect on GDP going forward and hamper the territory's ability to repay existing debt."

The GAO report noted a total public debt outstanding per capita of about \$4,199 per person in fiscal year 2007 to about \$2,776 per person in fiscal year 2015.

Amid general revenue fluctuations between fiscal years 2005 and 2015, the GAO reported that the CNMI's net position for the primary government has been "negative and generally trending downward."

"Specifically, [the] CNMI's net position for the primary government declined from a negative \$38.1 million as of fiscal year end 2005 to a negative \$215.4 million as of fiscal year end 2015," said the GAO report.

"Depending on assumptions made, with no permitted workers the CNMI's GDP in 2015

VICTIMS

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loved ones in the area. Please check in with them to see if they're safe. I will be calling Gov. [Brian] Sandoval tomorrow to see if we can assist in anyway. Tonight, please pray for Las Vegas and our country.

Our condolences are with the families of the victims," read Torres' statement to *Saipan Tribune*.

The Las Vegas shooting incident last Sunday evening in Las Vegas time has claimed at least 59 lives and injured 527 concert-goers. The shooter, which CNN identifies as Stephen Paddock, sprayed bullets onto thousands of people attending country singer Jason Aldean's concert.

Paddock was shooting from the 32nd floor of the nearby Mandalay Bay Hotel. He also fired shots against officers through his hotel door. When the police finally entered the room, Paddock had already killed himself.

Authorities recovered 23 guns from the hotel room and an additional 19 firearms and explosives along with several thousand rounds of ammunition at Paddock's home.

CNN reported that Nevada authorities are still struggling to find a motive for Paddock's actions.

The population of Las Vegas, Nevada as of Oct. 17, 2016 is about 583,756. 0.6 percent of which consists of people that are of Pacific Islander descent.

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program from ages 3 to 21. The number of expected special needs high school graduates this school year is over 80.

Last school year, 10 percent of the 993 students were considered special needs and over 20 percent of those special needs high school graduates were able to pursue higher education.

Although special needs programs are continuously expanding and resources are made available, a new chal-

lenge has arisen for not just special needs children, but for both special needs students and regular students alike.

According to Lizama, the challenge faced now is how to keep students from dropping out.

Lizama said during her presentation that the number of high school dropouts in both regular students and special needs students are continuously growing; and although they are working hard to uncover the reason behind these students dropping out, a long-term solution has yet to be set.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

CUC-RFP-18-001

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 & 2018

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017 & 2018. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

- OMB Circular A-133
- Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States
- Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)
- Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS)

The date of contract award will be no later than November 17, 2017. Audit work shall commence thereafter and must be completed by January 31, 2018 (FY17) & 2019 (FY18). Auditors are responsible to review all the 2017 & 2018 financial statements to include the physical CUC assets.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and five (5) hard copies, along with an electronic copy of the proposal on a compact disk in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-18-001, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2017 & 2018" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **October 23, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Submissions, in PDF, must also be emailed to the addresses as noted in the RFP. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discuss and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 10, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Antonio Castro, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address antonio.castro@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Administrator

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-18-002

KAGMAN WATERLINE & BOOSTER STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Kagman Waterline and Booster Station Rehabilitation Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

General Description: This work consists of replacing the existing Kumoi booster station and relocating it to the Chacha and Kagman Road intersection. It also includes the rehabilitation of an existing deep well, the installation of a new 6" PVC distribution, and the installation of a new 8" PVC transmission waterline along Kagman Road. It will also involve the reconnection of existing customers onto new or existing distribution lines within the project area.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of the approval for project award from the USEPA.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **300 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 5, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both the Pre-Bid Conference and the Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-18-002, Kagman Waterline and Booster Station Rehabilitation Project," to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 26, 2017** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). **Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.**

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 10, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nick Schreiner, Water-Wastewater, Engineer-via email address nick.schreiner@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email address marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and to waive any defects in said bid documents, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY P. CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN, JR.
Purchasing Officer

7 Rota DPS undergo CSI training

The Guam Fire Department conducted a 40-hour Crime Scene Investigation Training to seven Rota Department of Public Safety police officers. The training was held last week from Sept. 25 to 29, 2017 at the Guam Police Department Crime Lab in Guam.

The Rota officers who completed the training are: Sgt. Jonathan Dlc. Garces, Police

Officer 3 Perry K. Mesngon, P.O. 3 Tito S. Hocog II, P.O. 2 Nathan A. Barcina, P.O. 2 Joseph Q. Camacho Jr., P.O. 1 Ben H. Atalig, and P.O. 1 Manuel B. Castro Jr. III.

Rota DPS resident director, Colonel Eusebio "Bill" Manglona thanked Guam Police Chief Joseph I. Cruz for the assistance in providing a critical and essential law enforcement training to Rota's police

officers. The training provided by the Guam Police Department saves funding for Rota DPS than sending one or two police officers to the mainland when they can send five more to Guam.

Colonel Manglona emphasized that several more investigation training are lined up with Guam Police such as homicide, burglary, and sexual assault. (PR)

Family Grief Support Group to meet tomorrow

The Compassionate Friends of Saipan will be holding their monthly grief support meeting tomorrow, Oct. 5, from 6pm to 7:30pm, in the NMPASI conference room on Middle Road, in Gualo Rai.

The group offers understanding and hope to parents, siblings and grandparents who are grieving the loss of a child of any age, and from any cause. It also provides a safe, confidential setting, in which to share our experiences, while respecting and supporting each other, and

listening.

Compassionate Friends of Saipan does not espouse any specific religious or philosophical ideology. There is no "right way" to grieve, and family members are welcome to come to share or just to listen.

The mission of The Compassionate Friends is to assist families toward the positive resolution of grief following the death of a child of any age and to provide information to help others to be supportive. Today more

than 600 chapters serving all 50 states plus Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, Guam, and Saipan offer friendship, understanding, and hope to bereaved parents, siblings and grandparents and other family members during the natural grieving process after a child has died.

For more information, e-mail tcfSaipan@gmail.com or call Donna Krum (783-1900). To learn more about The Compassionate Friends, visit their website at www.compassionatefriends.org. (PR)

Torres signs bill allowing internet gaming on Tinian

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed House Local Bill 20-30, D1, entitled, "To amend the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989 yesterday

to provide for internet gaming; to amend casino license fee and tax rate; and for other purposes." The bill was passed by the Tinian and Aguiguan

Legislative Delegation of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature.

This bill becomes Tinian Local Law 20-05. (PR)

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS

CUC-IFB-17-028

TANK 104 REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL POWER PLANT 1, LOWER BASE, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Removal and Disposal of Tank 104 at Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan.

The project consists of the Cutting for Disposal and Removal of Tank 104 (now empty and cleaned) together with off-site disposal of all tank materials, including its steel floor.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **90 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$50.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 12, 2017 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building. Prospective Bidders are mandated to attend both Pre-Bid and Site Visit.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-17-028 Removal and Disposal of Tank 104, Power Plant No.1, Lower Base, Saipan", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 25, 2017**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A **Bid Guarantee** of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A **Payment Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent and a **Performance Bond** of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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All questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered Prospective Bidders and must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 16, 2017** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Max Simian, CUC Technical Manager for Oil - via email max.simian@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Purchasing Assistant-via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

GARY CAMACHO
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
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Scholarship Office meets with DOL to discuss CW funding

Acting Department of Labor secretary Vicky Benavente and DOL Enforcement and Compliance director Gil San Nicolas held a meeting with CNMI Scholarship Office administrator Rose Pangelinan to discuss the office's upcoming plans for the CW funding disbursement and training initiatives for 2018 in efforts to continue the expansion of the CNMI's workforce.

Since the transfer of CW funding responsibilities from DOL to CSO, Pangelinan shares that her agency has been working diligently to ensure more transparency and efficiency for the disbursement of CW funds intended for education, training and holistically, workforce development.

"We see the impact that these various institutions have had over the years. They continue to shape and prepare our people for the workforce through education and training with the help of the CW funds," said Pangelinan. "With CSO taking on the responsibility of disbursing the CW Funds, we look forward to continuing our support for those institutions through our CW fund Grant and other CSO initiatives. The goal is and always will be to work together to produce an economi-

cally progressive and proactive CNMI workforce. Helping the people of the CNMI to develop to their full potential is at the heart of the Scholarship Office. Our people have all the necessary potentials, but it is up to us to provide them with all the essential training and tools to be successful. In turn, we ask that the institutions provide us with the data showing that their efforts are continuing to benefit our people and the CNMI."

During the meeting with DOL, Pangelinan shared the newly established CW Fund Grant draft guidelines. DOL and CSO also discussed the CW Certification Process, in which DOL will be responsible for certifying eligible institutions to receive funding

for their programs through the CW Funds administered by the CNMI Scholarship Office. Pangelinan shared that the CW Grant application guidelines will be readily available in October.

"Participants in the training programs will be able to expand their knowledge and develop skills in specialized courses, thus improving their chances of employment," said Benavente. "Building capacity and competencies of the labor workforce is the primary objective of the Department of Labor."

Pangelinan also introduced to DOL the TRAIN program, which is one of many initiatives they will be implementing during the new fiscal year.

The TRAIN program stands for "Train and Revitalize through Academics, Internships and Networking" and is geared toward preparing local college graduates for priority-based occupations needed in the CNMI. Various job opportunities have been identified through the CW assessment data completed by the CNMI Scholarship Office.

The TRAIN program is a two-part opportunity offering internships for CNMI under-

graduates in their junior year and fellowships for seniors/graduates to participate in. With the implementation of career focused internships and fellowships, the CSO TRAIN program hopes to provide students with the necessary job experience within their ma-

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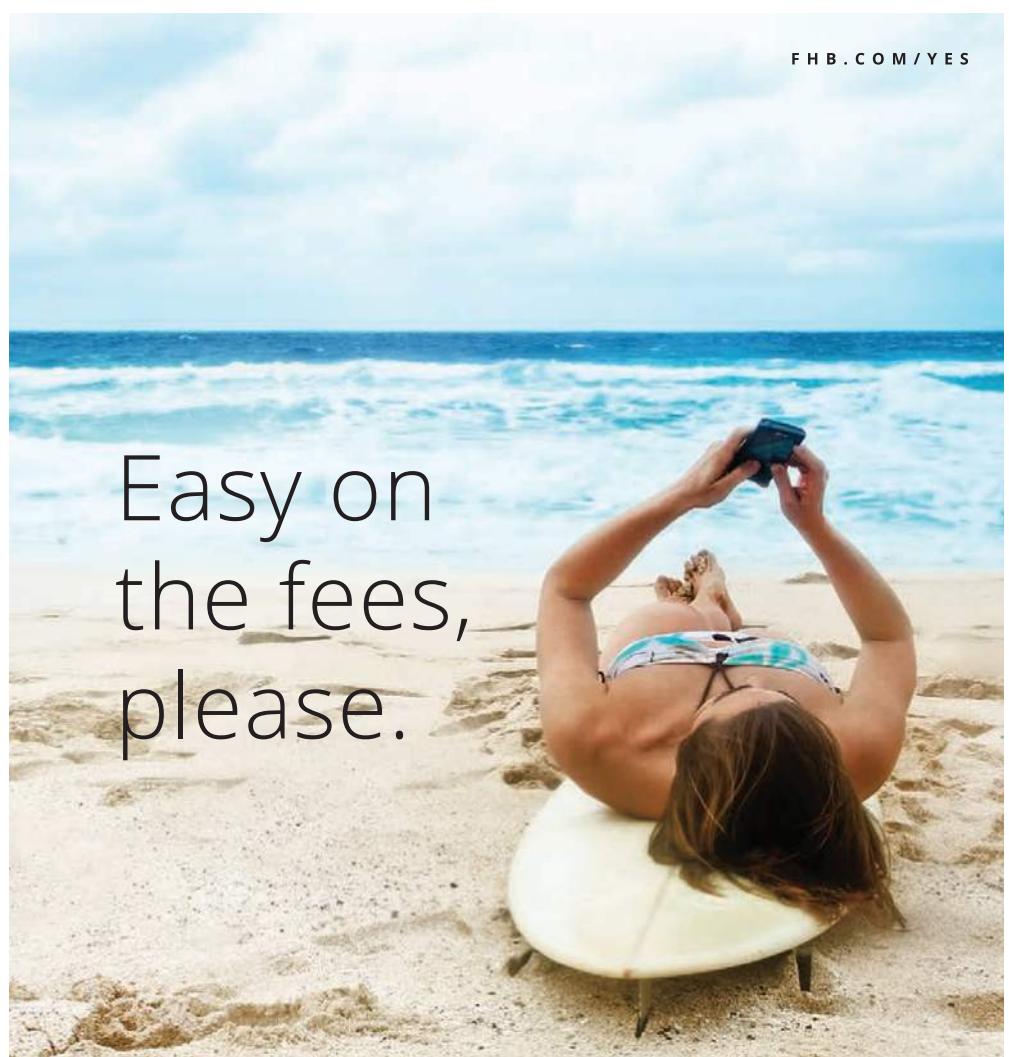
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Torres announces \$3.2M for Veterans Cemetery expansion

Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, through the CNMI Office of Military Liaison and Veterans Affairs and the CNMI Office of Grants Management, announced last Monday that the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs awarded \$3.2 million to expand and improve the CNMI Veterans' Cemetery.

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 17-ZB-210**

**SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2017 TIME: 10:30 A.M.
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COPIES OF THE SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPLY, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, ASCENSION DRIVE, BUILDING NO. 1301, CAPITOL HILL, SAIPAN, DURING REGULAR WORKING HOURS.

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THE CNMI GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS, OR PORTIONS THEREOF AND TO WAIVE IMMATERIAL DEFECTS IF TO DO SO WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT.

/S/ THERESE T. OGUMORO
ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM
DIRECTOR, P&S

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB NO.: ITB 18-OGM-001**

**SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.
"PURCHASE OF A SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE WITH
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/S/ EPHIPHANIO E. CABRERA, JR.
ADMINISTRATOR, OFFICE OF GRANTS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM
DIRECTOR, P&S

In August 2005, the CNMI Office of Military Liaison and Veterans Affairs received a Veterans Cemetery Construction Project Grant in the amount of \$1.6 million for the construction of the CNMI Veterans' Cemetery (CNMI-VC). Construction work on the 3.2 hectares of real estate designated for the cemetery commenced in September of the same year and concluded the following year. The CNMI-VC opened in Marpi Point on the island of Saipan in 2006.

Despite being in existence for 11 years, the cemetery lacks amenities available at other state cemeteries. The CNMI-VC currently does not have an administration office dedicated to assisting families in coordinating funeral arrangements. A visitor information area or kiosk is presently unavailable to assist visitors locate grave sites and provide additional information with regard to the CNMI-VC or the CNMI's military history.

Additionally, the cemetery does not have any columbarium niches—one of the more prevalent forms of interment. More importantly, the cemetery does not have an on-site restroom to service the visitors and staff of the CNMI-VC. It should also be noted

that the established burial plots are almost at capacity and requires the construction of additional burial plots.

Torres noted that the Office of Military and Liaison and Veterans Affairs and the Office of Grants Management began the formulation of the grant application in early April to address the capacity needs of the cemetery and to provide better accommodations for CNMI veterans and their families.

"Earlier this year, I asked our VA office and Grants office to work on the grant application to not only expand the capacity of the cemetery, but to also give our veterans, their families, and our community a better place to really pay tribute to our folks who dedicated their lives to the service of our islands and our country. With this grant award, we will be able to better honor our community's finest by not only providing more spaces and amenities, but also an opportunity to learn about the military history of our islands. I commend our VA office and OGM for successfully securing this priority

for the benefit of our veterans," Torres said.

OGM administrator Epiphanio E. Cabrera, Jr. said OGM traveled to Washington, D.C. in May to plead the CNMI's case for an expansion project for the CNMI Veterans Cemetery.

"We brought a great team to D.C., including executive director Oscar Torres from the CNMI Military & Veterans Office and Bruce Camacho of the Civil Military Liaison Office. We submitted three grant applications that included an expansion of Saipan and the construction of new cemeteries on Rota and Tinian. The Saipan Cemetery made it through a series of panel reviews before making the final list. Only \$45 million is available annually, and the competition is fierce with many city cemeteries equally deserving of such improvements. According to George Eisenbach, director of the National Cemetery Administration under the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Rota and Tinian project applications have risen out of Tier 2 and placed into Tier 1 and are on the priority list-

ing, so they will be up for consideration next year," Cabrera said.

CNMI Office of Military Liaison and Veterans Affairs executive director Oscar C. Torres said the cemetery will now have more amenities that exist in many national cemeteries in the country.

"This is a great day for our veterans, our military families, and our community as a whole. The cemetery expansion and improvement plans include three columbarium structures, 240 double-depth crypts, a new administrative building to assist visitors and families to make funeral arrangements, a maintenance building, light fixtures with solar photovoltaic (PV) units to absorb the sunlight and serve as an alternate source of energy to generate electricity, a committal shelter that provides additional covered portions for family members during services on rainy or hot days, and perimeter fencing for added security. We want the best for our veterans, and we look forward to overseeing the completion of this expansion," Torres said. (PR)

Business & Brunch with Bank of Guam this Saturday

In an effort to promote entrepreneurship in the CNMI, Bank of Guam has collaborated with Saipan Young Professionals to put on a free workshop and mixer. "Business & Brunch with Bank of Guam" will take place at the Bank of Guam Conference Room on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 11am to 2pm. This event will be catered to en-

trepreneurs, new small business owners, and other interested individuals.

During this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Identify and understand document requirements for Sole Proprietor, Partnership, Non-Profit, Corporate/Incorporated, Association and Limited Liability Companies;
- Learn about "Commercial

Loans" and other resources that are available. The second half of the event will give participants an opportunity to get to know their local Bank of Guam representatives through Q&A and good old-fashioned conversation.

This event is completely free to current and aspiring SYP members, however, space is limited. Complimentary refreshments and lunch will be served courtesy of Bank of Guam. To reserve your seat, please contact the Chamber office at (670) 234-7150 or email Mercilynn Kaneshi Palec at administrator@saipanchamber.com. Must be registered to participate.

The SYP, an official committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, is a group of young professionals with a common goal to network and engage our peers and to make a positive difference. It recognizes the need to develop young professionals throughout Saipan to be involved, to recognize important issues and to discuss solutions that will benefit the island we call home. SYP also strives to promote community involvement and opportunities that will empower our young professionals to become leaders. If you are interested in joining the SYP committee or for more information please contact (670) 234-7150 or email administrator@saipanchamber.com. (PR)

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM, DR-4235-MP OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Addendum No. 1

09/25/2017

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2014 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Standard State Mitigation Plan Update RFP17-GOV-213

Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the CNMI Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMP), (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified contractors/consultants to update the 2014 Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands Standard State Mitigation Plan (2014 CNMI SSMP).

Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, currently in effect, and with the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code (NMIA) §70-30.3-725 Gratitudes and Kickbacks and §70.30.3-730 Prohibition Against Contingent Fees. Public Law 15-95 Local Preference Act, as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the CNMI.

The project package will be available beginning September 20, 2017 at the Governor's CIP Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building in Capitol Hill, Saipan or via email. Please request project package via email attention: Leona DLG. Sablan, leona.cip@gmail.com or Antonette DLG. Norita, anorita.hm@gmail.com. A pre-proposal meeting regarding this project will be held at 10:00 a.m. on October 10, 2017 at the Office of the Governor's conference room in Capitol Hill.

Questions about this request for proposal shall be addressed to the HMP Office attention: Leona DLG. Sablan, in writing via e-mail: leona.cip@gmail.com or facsimile (670) 664-2408 no later than 4:00 p.m., ChST, October 12, 2017.

The total proposal length shall not exceed 15 pages in length. A contractor that submits a proposal as a prime contractor cannot also submit as a subcontractor on another proposal. However, as a subcontractor, a company may be included in multiple proposals by different contractors.

Proposals will be evaluated and scored based on the following criteria:

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| 1. Qualifications and experience on similar projects | 30% |
| 2. Work load and resources to accomplish work | 10% |
| 3. Project Approach & Schedule | 10% |
| 4. Cost | 50% |

Performance time for completion of this project is 180 calendar days upon issuance of notice to proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by 180 calendar days, the contract price and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top 3 ranked contractors. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified contractor to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The successful proposers will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 70.3.3-245 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Fee proposals are solicited; however, this information shall not be considered in the selection of the most highly qualified firm. Such fee proposals is to be used in determining a fair and reasonable contract price.

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP17-GOV-213 2014 CNMI Standard State Mitigation Plan Update. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply located at the former Emergency Management Office, Building No. 1301, Ascension Drive, Capitol Hill on Saipan no later than 10:00 a.m. ChST, October 18, 2017. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of intent to propose. Notices of intent to propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m., ChST, October 18, 2017 and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com.

For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and three (3) copies of the sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than, October 18, 2017 and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than October 27, 2017. Failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfection in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

Virginia C. Villagomez
Governor's Authorized Representative

Herman S. Sablan
Director of Procurement and Supply

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Hearing Room.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Chair's Report
- Executive Director's Report

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- Tinian Entertainment Company, Ltd.
Waiver of Penalty Fees

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Meeting on Thursday October 05, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of Minutes

August 18, 2017
September 05, 2017

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹

- Applicant Review

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER

V. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION²

VII. ADJOURNMENT

/s/ Antonio L. Borja
Chairman¹

We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcome to submit written comments.

²Pursuant to 1 CM 9912, the board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

³Individuals with disabilities requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

Pacific Judicial Council Biennial Conference



Some of the 15 judges from the Philippines pose for a group photo during the kick off of the four-day Pacific Judicial Council Conference at the Saipan Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall last Tuesday.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE



U.S. District Court for Guam Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood and U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona are all smiles during a break at the start of the four-day Pacific Judicial Council conference held last Tuesday. Tydingco-Gatewood is PJC president.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE



About 130 judges, justices, lawyers, and invited guests participated at last week's four-day Pacific Judicial Council Biennial Conference held at the Fiesta Resort & Spa's Hibiscus Hall.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE



U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington Senior U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour served as among the speakers at last week's Pacific Judicial Council conference.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE



Philippine Judges Association president Caloocan City Regional Trial Court Presiding Judge Gina Hidalgo, middle, and Manila Regional Trial Court Presiding Judge Jaime B. Santiago pose with CNMI Supreme Court Justice secretary Irene T. San Nicolas during a break at the second day of the four-day Pacific Judicial Council conference last Wednesday.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE



University of California at Davis School of Law professor Rose C. Villazor talks about Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and immigration law last Wednesday at the four-day Pacific Judicial Council conference.

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Opinion

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Now it is Las Vegas

Early Monday morning, former President Bill Clinton tweeted: "Thinking of the victims and responders in Las Vegas. This should be unimaginable in America." Hours later, speaking from the White House, President Donald Trump called the late-Sunday-night massacre in Las Vegas "an act of pure evil." Both men are right.

Mass shootings should be unimaginable in America. They are not. A gunman, identified by police as Stephen Paddock, 64, of Nevada, opened fire from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino and fired hundreds of rounds into a crowd of more than 20,000 people below who had gathered for a country music festival.

By the time police found Paddock, at least 58 people had been killed and a staggering estimated 515 people were wounded. The death toll may rise. Paddock is believed to have killed himself.

At this early point in what will no doubt be a lengthy investigation, no motive is known. Police believe Paddock was "the sole aggressor." He was found with more than 10 rifles.

We are constantly reminded of the fragility of everyday life in our nation. Just last week, members of the House of Representatives welcomed back for the first time Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La., months after he was seriously wounded by a gunman during a baseball practice in suburban Virginia. On Monday, he, too, took to Twitter: "(My wife) and I are praying for the victims of this unspeakable violence in Las Vegas."

The president is planning to visit with law enforcement officials, first responders and victims of this horrific tragedy Wednesday in Las Vegas. Trump's muted tone and references to Scripture were a needed respite from his often bombastic speech. It is during a national tragedy when the president must rise above his own limitations and be the leader Americans — all Americans — need to push them through what is indeed a dark hour in our history.

In the coming days, we need to learn who Paddock was, his mental history, his beliefs, whether he lawfully owned firearms, and how he obtained them. We need to learn whether there were signs missed. Whether there was something that could have signaled what was about to come.

And then in the weeks following the funerals — but before eulogies have been forgotten — we, as a nation, need once again to try to have a rational conversation about the availability of assault-style weapons, about how we find balance between the Second Amendment and the last rites. Because if we do not, we will continue to revisit these crime scenes again and again.

The horror of the Pulse nightclub in Orlando in 2016, when 49 people were killed by a gunman claiming inspiration from the Islamic State group, surpassed the carnage at Sandy Hook Elementary School and a movie theater in Aurora, Colorado. Each time, we said, "No more." Each time, we failed to act.

And now, Las Vegas — the deadliest mass shooting in U.S. history. Will we fail to act once again?

"In times such as these, I know we are searching for some

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Puerto Rico's endless waiting game

The silence coming from home has a texture. There's anxiety in it, as we on the mainland wait for any word from relatives trapped on the small prison island known as Puerto Rico.

There's fear in it: Close your eyes and you see your aunts and cousins, abuelos and nieces scramble for clean water to drink and wash with; your sick family members unable to find medicine for their diabetes or high blood pressure; no food for anyone; no money in the ATMs; no safe roads into or out of town; no electricity to clean the mounting sewage or cool the unbearably hot living rooms; no Wi-Fi to help them touch base with the rest of the world; no cellphones to wreck the reckless silence; no light at night against the darkness, deeper and more ominous than ever.

There's anger in the silence: Back in the States, you watch your distracted and indifferent president play to his base, pick unnecessary fights, avoid taking the high ground or giving the island the gift of an eloquent expression of sympathy and support. At a time when words could have as much power as medicine and food, the steady quiet from slow-footed Washington has an ugly, racial texture. That same government refused until Thursday to lift the archaic Jones Act, which states that only American ships can carry goods and passengers from one U.S. port to another. And when Trump waived the act, he agreed to do so for only 10 days. So while the door is open for international ships to reach the island with supplies, manpower and uplift, it will close again soon. Long-term relief will have to wait.

Waiting is what Puerto Rico does best. We waited 500 years for the Spanish empire to wane. When it finally did, in 1898, the U.S. Navy bombarded San Juan and 1,300 infantry soldiers rolled in to take the crown's place. The dream of independence would have to wait, as the island saw itself become a de facto colony of the self-proclaimed anti-colonial United States; that dream is still waiting.

The country that preaches self-determination and nationhood to the rest of the world stubbornly holds on to this piece of Caribbean real estate, 3,500 square miles of tropical beauty, a great variety of ecosystems, a diverse population of resilient, big-hearted citizens. Puerto Rico is effectively a zombie state, a U.S. territory with no true self-governing power, expressing its "will" in periodic toothless plebiscites, most recently in June with a nonbinding referendum in favor of statehood. The U.S. Congress makes the laws that Puerto Ricans must obey, but we have zero senators, zero representatives in the House, and zero electoral votes in the presidential election. Thankfully — and we are deeply thankful — we are all protected by the U.S. Constitu-

By JOSE RIVERA
Los Angeles Times

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tion and its Bill of Rights.

Although we lack meaningful representation in Congress, Puerto Ricans can be drafted into war. It's no coincidence that we became citizens in 1917, during World War I, when the United States was in need of fresh meat for the grinding trenches of Europe. In World War II, the all-Puerto Rican 59th Infantry Regiment received 90 Purple Hearts. Some 61,000 Puerto Ricans fought in Korea. The Vietnam Memorial is graced with the names of hundreds from the island. When we're not drafted, we volunteer, as my four brothers have done.

All my adult life I've yearned for a free, sovereign, independent Puerto Rico — one with its own president, constitution, currency, ambassadors, embassies, treaties, Olympic teams and seats at the United Nations. An independent island would be in control of its borders. It would be able to accept aid from Cuba, Colombia, Brazil or Norway. The international community has proved its compassion time and again, and I have no doubts that it would open its heart to a small, wounded nation in the Caribbean. I've often asked myself: What creative powers, what initiatives, what native genius would be unleashed if the island were truly free?

And yet, after Hurricanes Irma and Maria, for the first time in my life, this die-hard independentista has begun to think the previously unthinkable. If independence is out of reach — the romantic dream of an artist who doesn't live there? — wouldn't it be better for the island to end its Twilight Zone status forever and become a state of the United States? Isn't statehood better than the never-ending limbo of commonwealth-hood? Statehood would give the island two U.S. senators, five members in the House of Representatives, seven electoral college votes. The political voice of Puerto Rico, an island of 3.7 million, would be impossible to ignore. We could help write the laws that dictate our destinies. In a close election, we the people could decide

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A parent's familiar dread, after Las Vegas mass shooting

You scan the faces of the other parents at drop-off. You check for knowledge. For fear. For grief. Every one of your parental instincts tells you not to kiss your children goodbye and send them into a school building. It's as if you're tearing off both of your arms and pretending to proceed as normal.

Nothing is normal. It's familiar. It's not normal.

Your morning was typical, and then you checked your phone. Your heart broke. Again.

People have been shot. Dozens upon dozens of people. Just hours earlier, they were outside listening to music. Now more than 50 of them are dead. Hundreds of lives are forever changed. Their wounds, at least the psychological wounds, will never fully heal.

You want better. You want change. You want it to stop. You wanted it to stop after Virginia Tech. After Sandy Hook Elementary. After Fort Hood. After Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal in Charleston, S.C. After Pulse.

You want your children to live in a world where it's harder to slaughter people. You want them to live in a country that tries

harder to stop the slaughter.

You want to believe one of these mass shootings will be the one. The one that makes us decide assault rifles don't make us safer. (How can a good guy with a gun stop a bad guy shooting from 32 stories above the ground?)

You have a doctor's appointment for your son in the afternoon. It's a routine checkup. She'll ask if you have any concerns.

She can't solve your concerns. You're concerned he'll be murdered. You're concerned a gunman will open fire on his playground, his classroom, his college campus, a concert he's attending with his girlfriend when he's 23.

He's 8. You've had this concern every day of his life. His sister is 11. His stepbrother is 16. Your concerns are in triplicate. They'll never go away.

You know mothers live with this fear daily. Mothers in your own city — far, far too many mothers — have watched this fear show up, fully realized, at their doorsteps and rob their children of life. Mass shootings capture our attention, but every gun death is an outrage.

By HEIDI STEVENS
Chicago Tribune



You can't give in to the fear. You have to pretend, in fact, that it's not there. You have to send your kids to playgrounds and classrooms and colleges and concerts.

So you scan the faces of the other parents at drop-off.

You check for guidance. For courage. For faith that we're doing the right thing, saying goodbye to our children on this terrible morning.

You're not sure. Until something changes — really changes — you'll never be sure.

The GOP's message on guns: It's not our problem, it's God's

In the aftermath of Sunday's massacre in Las Vegas, the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history, the House of Representatives will soon pass a bill that would make mass shootings easier. That's an unfair way to frame the issue, but it's not inaccurate.

The House is preparing to take up the Sportsmen Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act, which not only loosens restrictions on hunting and shooting on public lands, but also includes two provisions that don't exactly seem essential to sport shooters. One would legalize the sale of armor-piercing bullets as long as the manufacturer declares that the ammunition is intended for sporting purposes. The other would loosen longstanding federal regulations on silencers.

There is little question that the bill, strongly supported by the National Rifle Association, will pass in the Republican-majority House. After that, the House will take up a separate bill that would allow people whose states permit them to carry concealed weapons to take their guns into other states, regardless of local regulations.

And that's where we are on federal gun control legislation: not paralyzed, but worse. Congress is moving to make powerful weapons easier to obtain and easier to use as quickly as the NRA can find regulations to undo.

The carnage in Las Vegas won't change that. The last time Congress came close to passing tougher restrictions on gun sales was after Sandy Hook in 2012, when the Senate had a Demo-

cratic majority. The effort failed, however. If it couldn't happen after Sandy Hook, it's not going to happen now.

Instead, gun control has become just another tool to mobilize partisans on each side. As recently as 2013, two gun-owning senators, Democrat Joe Manchin of West Virginia and Republican Pat Toomey of Pennsylvania, could collaborate on legislation that sought to tighten the leaky federal requirements for background checks on gun buyers. Gun control is now a bright line dividing one party from the other: Democrats for, Republicans against, with only a very few impotent exceptions.

In raw electoral terms, the GOP's ownership of the gun issue has turned out to be a disadvantage for Democrats. Many gun owners in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin once voted Democratic; all four states went for Barack Obama in 2008. In 2016, with the two parties' difference on gun issues sharper than ever, all four went for Donald Trump. Guns aren't the only reason for the shift, but one lesson to Republicans is: Don't even think about defying the NRA.

In his brief remarks Monday, Trump called the Las Vegas shooting "an act of pure evil." That's what opponents of gun control say when this happens, as it does with tragic frequency. Their real message is: It's not the government's job to deal with this problem. It's God's.

In his inaugural address, Trump decried the violent crimes "that have stolen too many lives and robbed our country of so much unrealized potential. This American carnage stops right

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here and stops right now."

But the carnage hasn't stopped. And when it comes to mass shootings, the president's party hasn't done anything to stop it.

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America's next president.

Free nation or U.S. state: Six hundred years of paralyzing colonial rule would end overnight. A long, historical silence would close with the joyful words: "We are here."

The silence that pained me most came from a beautiful little barrio off Route 638, called Las Arenas ("The Sands"). It's just south of Arecibo, near the slightly larger towns of Miraflores and Espino, but you won't find it on a map. The narrow bumpy roads, many without names or logic, take you past small concrete houses of bright colors and vegetable gardens, lazy pigs and animated chickens, cows and old nags chewing grass on sloping hills. Dogs don't know fences or leashes. At night, the famous singing tree frog, the coqui, performs her two-note symphony into a deep sky of stars and warm breezes. A cluster of families lives there, all related to me on my mother's side — cheerful, energetic, soulful people, brimming with music and eager to feed a long-lost relative from New York who speaks awful Spanish. A week passed before word arrived: They are safe, but the matriarch, my mother's first cousin Petra, had died of a heart attack and was not buried until this week. A funeral delayed by the winds.

An angry Earth has sent its shock troops to Puerto Rico in the form of a hurricane innocently named Maria. She has killed and disabled, and she promises more long, slow, not-so-subtle horror, an epic humanitarian crisis, forming a well of tears as deep as the Caribbean. In the face of such suffering, part of me wonders if this talk about status is the conversation we should be having. But another part of me believes it's inevitable and germane. If anything good can come from Maria's visit, it may be that the U.S. Congress, the only body on Earth empowered to determine the fate of the island, will be forced to make a key decision. Will it give us our independence? Will it take us into its family of states as the 51st member?

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They do not. And we cannot refuse to hear what those answers are. Today, we mourn the dead, offer prayers for the wounded and comfort to the grieving. We, the living, still have time to find the meaning in the chaos — the dead no longer do.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Detoxify the MSG from your food

Most people know that Chinese food is loaded with MSG, which the Chinese call "wei jing." It is an excitotoxin and can cause brain fog, headaches, and other neurological symptoms.

From Google: "Topping the charts of dangerous additives is MSG, (monosodium glutamate); a known carcinogen, endocrine disrupter and killer of brain cells, which may also be linked to the development of cardiac problems, kidney problems, neurological disorders, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Lou Gehrig's disease."

MSG is not only in Chinese food; it's in many dishes prepared at popular local coffee shops, fast food restaurants, and crunchy snacks like flavored chips. Although it poses a health risk, it does make food tastier. That "blast of flavor" you get from a spicy nacho chip is from the MSG.

I was recently in Peterborough, New Hampshire. The Chinese restaurants stopped using MSG, and they often state "No MSG!" in their newspaper ads. The food is delicious and is toxin-free.

When I came back to Saipan, I went to a local Chinese restaurant in Garapan and tried to warn them about the dangers of MSG. They were polite, but I don't think they're going to change their ways.

With the exception of Everest Café, I don't know of any food-service establishment that doesn't use MSG. The people at Everest won't touch it. They are wise.

Two days ago I had a burger, fries and a Coke at a local fast food restaurant. Within 20 minutes I felt woozy and had to take a nap. This isn't good.

However, there are remedies to detoxify the MSG, but they are not well known.

Drinking a lot of water can help flush the MSG out of your brain and body. Even better is "shungite water." Shungite is a unique form of carbon that has been used to purify water for centuries. The small shungite pebbles look like little pieces of coal, but they not only detoxify the water, they will help to remove any toxins if you drink a glass of shungite water. That's what I did after I had the burger and fries. As a result I bounced back pretty quickly.

Shungite is not available locally. You have to find the "elite" variety on eBay. You don't need much, just a small handful. You put the pebbles into the bottom of a glass pot and fill the jug with clean water. (I use an old glass coffee pot). Give it a stir with a wooden spoon and the shungite water will be ready to drink in a few hours. Do NOT make shungite water in anything made of plastic; it will pull the plastic molecules out of the container and contaminate the water.

If you order shungite on eBay, be sure to get the "elite" variety. However, unlike coal or diamonds, shungite has a unique molecular structure which attaches to toxins in the body. Shungite water is a good remedy if you eat some bad fish, or breathe in toxic fumes. It's fairly inexpensive also; you can get enough for a quart container for around \$10.

Leave the shungite water out on your kitchen counter and refill as needed. It's very healthy; maybe the healthiest water there is. Plus the stones last forever and never wear out. Every few months rinse the stones in a sieve with clean water and you're good to go again.

It would be foolish to think that the local restaurants will stop putting MSG in their food, but you can protect yourself by drinking 8 oz. of shungite water afterwards. It works really well.

Russ Mason, M.S.

As Teo, Saipan

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

| TODAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | |
| Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. |
| ▲ 87° ▾ 77° | ▲ 87° ▾ 77° | ▲ 87° ▾ 77° | ▲ 88° ▾ 77° | ▲ 88° ▾ 77° |

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:10 AM, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2017

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

An upper-level low could be found northeast of the Marianas near 23N150E. This low will move slowly southwest and be located west of the Marianas by Wednesday. Upper-level divergence associated with the low will help generate isolated thunderstorms and periods of scattered showers over the local area today through Wednesday. The earlier forecast had scattered showers beginning this morning. Early morning satellite imagery showed a large area of scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms to the east and southwest of the local area. Subsidence from the shower and thunderstorm activity is probably putting a damper on showers over the Marianas, so kept showers isolated this morning. This subsidence should end by the afternoon and scattered showers will develop over the area. The scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms will persist through Wednesday. Lingering deep-layer moisture will keep skies mostly cloudy Wednesday night and Thursday. Drier weather will prevail over the Marianas Thursday night and Friday.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

| MICRONESIA | ▲ | ▼ | °F |
|---------------|---------------|-----------|----|
| Guam and Rota | Thunderstorms | 86° / 78° | |
| Palau | Thunderstorms | 83° / 78° | |
| Yap | Partly Cloudy | 85° / 79° | |
| Chuuk | Thunderstorms | 87° / 80° | |
| Pohnpei | Thunderstorms | 86° / 77° | |
| Kosrae | Thunderstorms | 88° / 78° | |
| Majuro | Thunderstorms | 85° / 79° | |

| AROUND THE GLOBE | ▲ | ▼ | °F |
|------------------|---------------|-----------|----|
| Auckland | Partly Cloudy | 63° / 54° | |
| Beijing | Partly Cloudy | 72° / 46° | |
| Hong Kong | Thunderstorms | 88° / 81° | |
| Honolulu | Mostly Sunny | 87° / 76° | |
| London | Mostly Cloudy | 61° / 54° | |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 75° / 59° | |
| Manila | Thunderstorms | 90° / 79° | |
| Melbourne | Showers | 70° / 50° | |
| Miami | Thunderstorms | 83° / 77° | |
| New York | Sunny | 80° / 62° | |
| Osaka | Cloudy | 70° / 64° | |
| Paris | Partly Cloudy | 64° / 50° | |
| Busan | Cloudy | 68° / 63° | |
| Rome | Sunny | 79° / 55° | |
| Salem | Mostly Sunny | 84° / 61° | |
| San Francisco | Sunny | 70° / 52° | |
| Seoul | Mostly Cloudy | 72° / 57° | |
| Tokyo | Mostly Cloudy | 66° / 57° | |
| Washington, DC | Sunny | 81° / 59° | |



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- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

| TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY FEET | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------|
| 12:36 AM | LOW TIDE | 0.66 |
| 6:09 AM | HIGH TIDE | 1.81 |
| 12:42 PM | LOW TIDE | 0.18 |
| 6:57 PM | HIGH TIDE | 1.95 |

| DAY | SUNRISE | SUNSET |
|----------|---------|---------|
| Today | 6:07 AM | 6:04 PM |
| Thursday | 6:07 AM | 6:03 PM |
| Friday | 6:07 AM | 6:02 PM |
| Saturday | 6:07 AM | 6:02 PM |
| Sunday | 6:07 AM | 6:01 PM |

| DAY | MOONRISE | MOONSET | MOONRISE |
|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Today | - | 4:26 am | 5:06 pm |
| Thursday | - | 5:20 am | 5:50 pm |
| Friday | - | 6:15 am | 6:36 pm |
| Saturday | - | 7:12 am | 7:23 pm |
| Sunday | - | 8:11 am | 8:12 pm |

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2017

| DEPARTURES | | | | ARRIVALS | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|
| SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM) | | | | GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA6394 | 4:15am | 5:05am | Daily | UA6393 | 2:45am | 3:35am | Daily |
| UA6392 | 8:40am | 9:30am | Daily | UA6395 | 7:15am | 8:05am | Daily |
| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota | UA6391 | 12:10pm | 1:00pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 |
| UA6390 | 2:20pm | 3:10pm | 2, 3, 6 | UA6390 | 12:10pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 via Rota |
| UA6398 | 6:05pm | 6:55pm | Daily | UA6397 | 4:45pm | 5:35pm | Daily |
| UA6396 | 9:50pm | 10:40pm | Daily | UA6399 | 8:30pm | 9:20pm | Daily |
| SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP) | | | | GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP) | | | |
| UA6391 | 1:30pm | 2:05pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 | UA6390 | 12:10pm | 12:45pm | 2, 3, 6 |
| ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM) | | | | ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN | | | |
| UA6391 | 2:35pm | 3:10pm | 1, 4, 5, 7 | UA6390 | 1:15pm | 1:50pm | 2, 3, 6 |
| SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT) | | | | NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN | | | |
| DL297 | 4:15pm | 7:05pm | Daily | DL298 | 10:20am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) | | | | BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN | | | |
| 7C3451 | 3:10am | 6:10am | 1, 7 | 7C3452 | 9:00pm | 2:10am+1 | 4 |
| 7C3451 | 4:00am | 7:05am | 4, 5 | 7C3452 | 9:05pm | 2:10am+1 | 3, 6, 7 |
| SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN) | | | | SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN | | | |
| TW308 | 1:35am | 5:20am | 2, 3, 4 | TW3402 | 9:30am | 3:00pm | Daily |
| OZ626 | 2:20am | 6:00am | 1 | TW307 | 7:05pm | 12:35am+1 | 1, 2, 3 |
| TW308 | 2:35am | 6:20am | 6, 7 | OZ625 | 7:40pm | 1:10am+1 | 7 |
| OZ626 | 2:50am | 6:30am | 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 | TW307 | 8:05pm | 1:35am+1 | 5, 6 |
| ZE582 | 3:40am | 7:00am | Daily | OZ625 | 8:15pm | 1:45am+1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| 7C3403 | 4:45am | 8:30am | Daily | ZE581 | 9:00pm | 2:40am+1 | Daily |
| LJ652 | 4:45am | 8:35am | Daily | LJ651 | 10:00pm | 3:30am+1 | Daily |
| 7C3401 | 4:00pm | 7:45pm | Daily | 7C3404 | 10:10pm | 3:40am+1 | Daily |
| SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG) | | | | SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN | | | |
| 3U8648 | 5:20am | 8:00am | 1, 4, 5, 7 | 3U8647 | 10:20pm | 4:30am+1 | 3, 4, 6, 7 |
| SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG) | | | | HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN | | | |



Dance with us! Dance like us!



INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Ray Glenn Lizama

Dancer, choreographer,
owner of Studio 29:11,
dreamer!

1 What does it take to be a dancer?

You have to have fun. keane and mari madrid, two world renowned choreographers, once said that everyone starts dancing because it's fun. So I believe that having fun dancing makes you a dancer.

2 How about you, was becoming a dancer and choreographer your dream? How did it all begin?

I wanted to first have a career in drawing, then photography, then as a pediatrician, but as for dancing, I would only watch VH1 or MTV and see dance videos back in 2007 and I have always loved how fun and cool it looks. back in my junior year in high school

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(2009), God told my best friends to force me to dance for pep-rally. From there, the love of dance grew. From having my very own dance crew, teaching big groups, choreographing for church events, performing at public events, doing YouTube, etc.

3 From your experience, who has more chances to succeed, a dancer with skills or a dancer with talent?

I believe that every dancer has skill and talent. God gives us just the same as everyone is. I believe that those that just believe in themselves and want to share love through dance, succeed. I deeply believe that dancing is a gift from God, so sharing it is like reminding people that they're just as talented.

4 Who do you consider a dance star or inspirational artist?

There are a lot of people that are my inspirations. But, there is one choreographer that inspired me from the start of when I started taking choreographing, and that is Kyle Hanagami.

5 Your style, how would you describe it?
Confident.

6 Have you ever competed?
Yes, I have. Back in high

school with my dance crew and two in college. We got 3rd runner-up (2011) for a partner dance whom I got blessed to dance with Jone-lie Torres. Second runner-up with another God-given blessing of a group (2013) called PASSIONXPURPOSE.

7 What's your dream/goal for the future?

To have inspired to believe in how good God is and how has love can be expressed in countless of ways, and one of them would be through movement and music. To use dance to raise money to help people around the world. To help everyone believe in the goodness of who they are. To have the studio as second family. to always be happy and thankful.

8 Your message for those who haven't started dancing yet?

Try it out.

Interview By
ALEX MEGINO
TANMS Student, 8th Grade

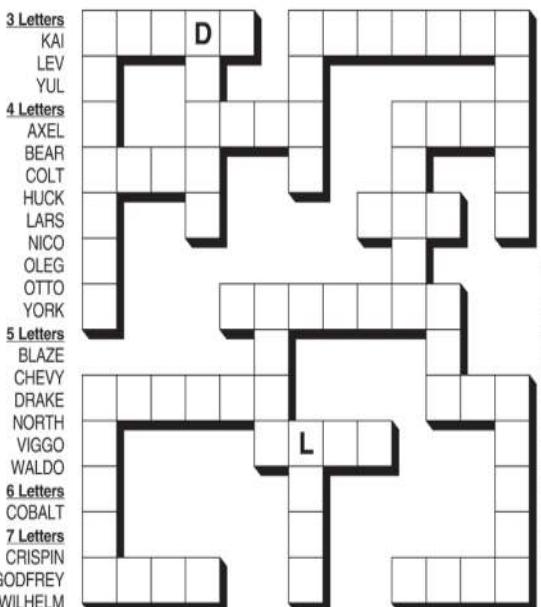


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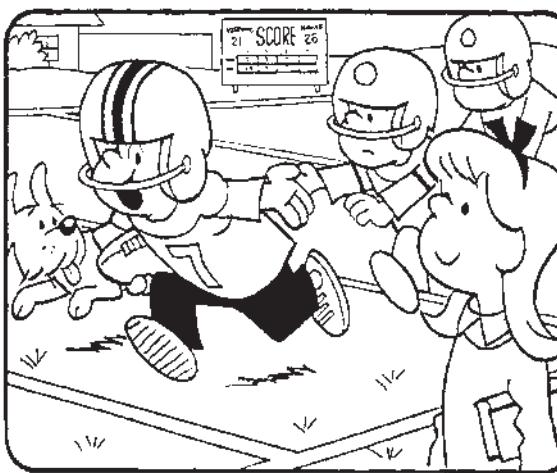
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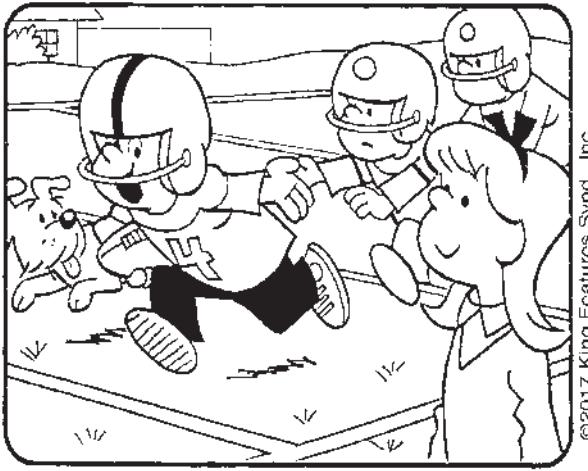
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**HOCUS-FOCUS**

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Ear is different. 2. Scoreboard is missing. 3. Neckline is different. 4. Scoreboard is missing. 5. Neckline is different. 6. Book is missing.

Answers: 1. Grapes. 2. Riled. 3. Along. 4. Pancake. 5. Edges.

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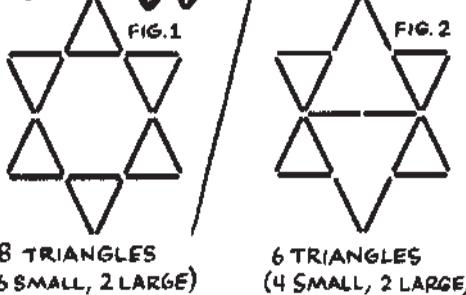
by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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| 1. Continuous flow | — T — — — | Piercing cry | — C — — — |
| 2. Newlywed | — — — D — | Salty water | — — — N — |
| 3. Apprentice | — — — V — | Take heed | — — — T — |
| 4. Dracula's title | — — — N — | Woo | — — — R — |
| 5. Debonair, like Dan | — — — P — | Chimney regulator | — — — M — |
| 6. Mealtime prayer | — — — C — | Cluster fruit | — — — P — |
| 7. Knight's outfit | — — — M — | Shady alcove | — — — B — |
| 8. Gambling den | — — — O — | Hot dog shell | — — — G — |
| 9. Gray alloy | — — — W — | Harass | — — — S — |
| 10. Eye movement | — — — K — | Ostentatious jewelry | — — — G — |

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Maze Card



LAY OUT 18 STICKS, as shown in Fig. 1, giving you eight triangles. Challenge your friends to move two of the sticks to new positions, so that there will be six triangles. Fig. 2 shows you how.

A WARP FACTOR FIVE FRAZZLER! See if you can replace the letters on this droid's screen with the digits 0 through 9, so that you will have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest possible total.

Our answer: S=9, T=8, A=3, R=2, W=7, M=1, O=0, V=5, I=6, E=4 (9832 + 732 = 10564).

HERE'S A JUICY PROBLEM! At the right is a Word Square. Can you find the four five-letter words that match the definitions below?

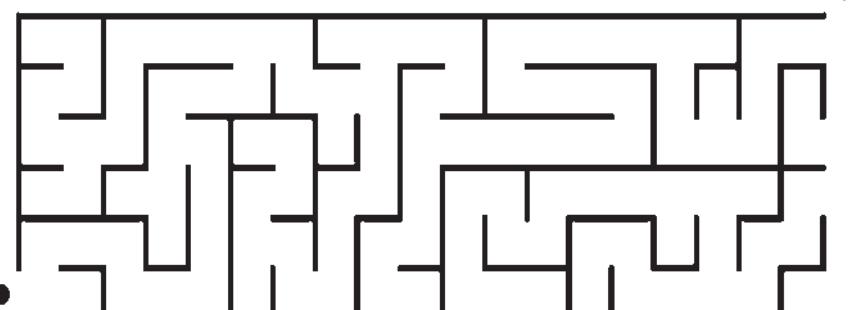
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| 1. Source of raisins (in place). | 2. All stirred up. |
| 3. In association with. | 4. A British coin. |
| 5. Borders; dividing lines. | |

Answers: 1. Grapes. 2. Riled. 3. Along. 4. Pancake. 5. Edges.

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|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1. G | 2. R | 3. A | 4. P | 5. E |
| 2. R | | | | |
| 3. A | | | | |
| 4. P | | | | |
| 5. E | | | | |

Answers:
1. TEED, TOED, GOLD, GOLF
2. FIRE, FORD, WORD, WOOD
3. HOLE, HOLD, GOLD, CARD
4. BOAT, BEAT, BEAK, BECK, DECK
5. CASE, CARE, CORE, WORK
6. SCREW, SCREW, SCREW, SCREW
7. SCREW, SCREW, SCREW, SCREW
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10. SCREW, SCREW, SCREW, SCREW

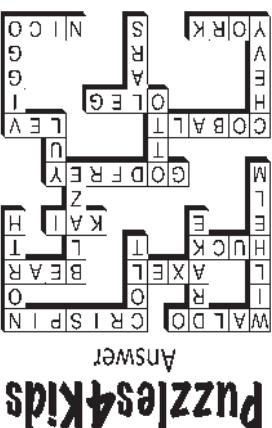
Kids' Maze



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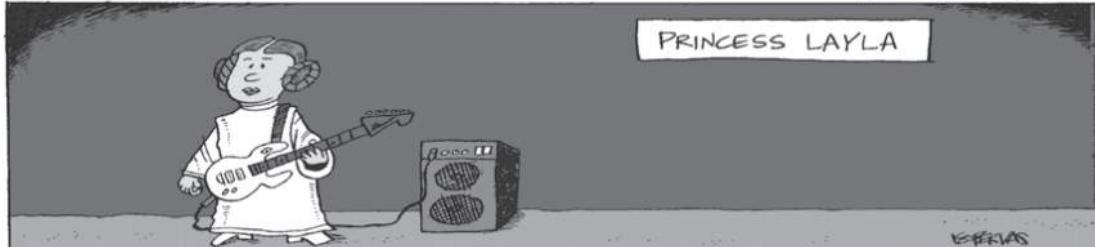


| Answers | |
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| 1. Stream, Scream | 6. Grace, Grape |
| 2. Bride, Bride | 7. Armor, Arbor |
| 3. Notice, Notice | 8. Casino, Casino |
| 4. Count, Count | 9. Pewter, Pewter |
| 5. Dapper, Dapper | 10. Blink, Blink |



Amber Waves

Out on a Limb



by Gary Kopravas

R.F.D.

by Mike Marland

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

Popeye**Just Like Cats & Dogs****SCRAMBLERS**

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Alarm
ALIGNSForm
HEAPSSwallow
STINGEDistant
METEOR

TODAY'S WORD

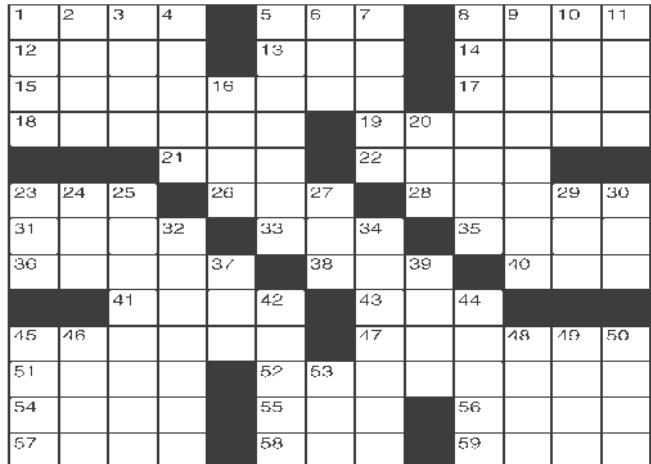


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by Dave T. Phipps**ACROSS**

1 Recycling containers
5 Cauldron
8 Aladdin's —
12 And others (Abbr.)
13 "Go, team!"
14 Israeli airline
15 Hamlet's castle
17 Theater award
18 Aircraft
19 Tomorrow, in Tijuana
21 Space
22 Grand tale
23 Ref
26 Energy
28 Ancestor of Noah

31 Equitable
33 Knock
35 Great Lake
36 Possessed
38 24 hours
40 Corn spike
41 "Yeah, right!"
43 Pirouette
pivot
45 Just say no
47 Senator's minimum age
51 Fermi's particle
52 One of Alvin's cohorts
54 Certain
55 Mangy mutt

King Crossword

56 Hebrew month
57 The — Piper of Hamelin
58 Coop dweller
59 Rod partner

DOWN

20 Mimic
23 E.T.'s craft
24 Gullet
25 Ship in a Gilbert & Sullivan work
27 Cushion
29 Spy org.
30 Yon maiden
32 Picked up
56 subject
8 Strong and regal
9 Tuna type
10 Primary Entreaty
11 Tide type
16 Mimic
20 E.T.'s craft
23 Gullet
24 Ship in a Gilbert & Sullivan work
27 Cushion
29 Spy org.
30 Yon maiden
32 Picked up
56 off
34 Seamstress' aid
37 Insult (Sl.)
39 Pirate's refrain
42 Command to Fido
44 Duck down
45 Grate
46 Needle case
48 Portrayal
49 Verifiable
50 Holler
53 Coloration

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

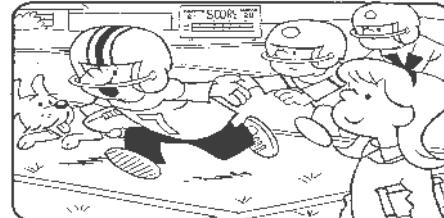
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◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

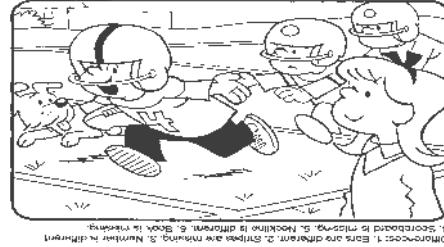
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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: O equals P.

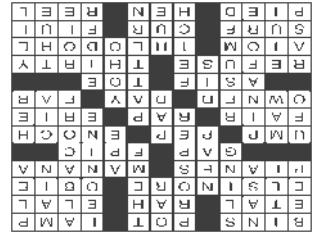
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Answers

ANSWER

Weekday SUDOKU

Sudoku a day!

Popular Broadway musical

about a girl on board a

boat who falls in love with a

boy who is a

big spender.

Sudoku

CRYPTOQUIP

Today's Word

3. Length: 2. Shape:

1. Letters: 4. Roots:

2. Letters: 5. Words:

3. Letters: 6. Names:

4. Letters: 7. Countries:

5. Letters: 8. Cities:

6. Letters: 9. Countries:

7. Letters: 10. Countries:

Business

Former Equifax chairman apologizes for data breach

WASHINGTON (AP)—The former chairman and CEO of Equifax says the company was entrusted with the personal information of more than 140 million Americans and “we let them down” as human error and technology failures allowed a massive data breach.

In prepared congressional testimony, Richard F. Smith said the millions are not just numbers in a database, but friends, family, neighbors and members of his church. The revelation last month of the disastrous hack to Equifax’s computer system rocked the company which faces several state and federal inquiries and several class-action lawsuits.

“To each and every person affected by this breach, I am deeply sorry that this occurred. Whether your personal identifying information was compromised, or you have had to deal with the uncertainty of determining whether or not your personal data may have been compromised, I sincerely apologize,” Smith said. “The company failed to prevent sensitive information from falling into the hands of wrongdoers.”

Smith, who resigned after overseeing the company for a dozen years, says Equifax was hacked by a yet-unknown entity. He said the information stolen included names, Social Security numbers, birth dates and addresses. In addition,

the credit card information for about 209,000 consumers was also stolen as well as certain documents with personally identifying information for approximately 182,000 consumers.

Lawmakers are expected to question Smith on how the company allowed the breach to occur, why it took as long as it did to notify consumers and what’s it’s doing to help consumers protect themselves going forward. The House subcommittee holding the hearing has jurisdiction over e-commerce and consumer protection issues.

Smith said the Department of Homeland Security warned the company on March 8 about the need to patch a particular vulnerability in software used by Equifax and other business. The company disseminated that warning by email the next day and requested that applicable personnel install the upgrade. The company’s policy requires the upgrade to occur within 48 hours, but Smith said that did not occur. The company’s information security department also ran scans on March 15 that did not pick up the vulnerability.

“I understand that Equifax’s investigation into these issues is ongoing,” Smith said in the prepared remarks. “The com-



pany knows, however, that it was this unpatched vulnerability that allowed hackers to access personal identifying information.”

Smith said it appears the first date the hackers accessed sensitive information was May 13. Between May 13 and July 30, there is evidence to suggest the attackers continued to access sensitive information, but it wasn’t until July 29 that Equifax’s security department observed suspicious network traffic. Smith said the hack was over the next day, but the hard work of figure out the impact was just beginning.

Smith said he was told of the suspicious activity on July 31 in a conversation with the company’s chief information officer. He then provided a timeline of events that included a senior leadership team meeting on August 17 where he learned the forensic investigation has determined large volumes of consumer data had been compromised. He said the lead member of the company’s board of directors was notified on August 22 and the full board two days later. He convened a board meeting to discuss the scale of the breach on Sept. 1.

Meanwhile, the company worked on a support package for consumers and then notified the public on Sept. 7.

GOP panel chief not saying yet if tax cuts retroactive

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the chief architects of the sweeping tax revamp proposed by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans isn’t yet saying whether promised cuts under the plan would be retroactive to the start of the year.

“To be determined” was the response Monday from Rep. Kevin Brady of Texas, head of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. There has been speculation the plan, which would deeply reduce levies for corporations, simplify everyone’s taxes and nearly double the standard deduction used by most Americans, would be applied retroactively to the beginning of 2017.

Trump and top administration officials are insisting that the plan would provide badly needed tax relief for the middle class - and wouldn’t ben-

efit the wealthy.

The tax rate for Americans making a half-million dollars or more would drop by almost 5 percentage points as the wealthiest sliver of the nation would reap tremendous benefits. And the plan calls for eliminating the estate tax — paid by those with multimillion-inheritances, a boon for wealthy individuals who inherit businesses, investments and real estate. Also slated for elimination is the alternative minimum tax, a supplemental tax for certain individuals, corporations and estates that enjoy exemptions that lower their income tax bills.

The plan, the first major overhaul of the tax code in three decades, would shrink the number of tax brackets from seven to three. But it’s not known how it actually would affect individual taxpayers and families because

the income levels corresponding to the three brackets haven’t yet been specified. It will be up to Congress to fill in many details.

Another unknown is how much the plan might add to the ballooning \$20 trillion national debt.

The tax legislation can advance only after House and Senate passage of a blueprint for the federal budget. The Senate Budget Committee intends to vote on its plan this week, and a companion measure is headed for a House vote this week as well.

The new budget plan would permit the upcoming tax measure to add \$1.5 trillion over the coming decade to the national debt.

Brady said he was hopeful that final budget legislation could be enacted this month, calling it the necessary “runway to land tax reform on.”

Nation

‘I’m going to die’: fear grips Vegas strip; gunman kills 59

LAS VEGAS (AP)—The rapid-fire popping sounded like firecrackers at first, and many in the crowd of 22,000 country music fans didn’t understand what was happening when the band stopped playing and singer Jason Aldean hustled off stage.

“That’s gunshots,” a man could be heard saying emphatically on a cellphone video in the nearly half-minute of silence and confusion that followed. A woman pleaded with others: “Get down! Get down! Stay down!”

Then the pop-pop-pop noise resumed. And pure terror set in.

“People start screaming and yelling and we start running,” said Andrew Akiyoshi, who provided the cellphone video to The Associated Press. “You could feel the panic. You could feel like the bullets were flying above us. Everybody’s ducking down, running low to the ground.”

While some concertgoers hit the ground Sunday night, others pushed for the crowded exits, shoving through narrow gates and climbing over fences as 40- to 50-round bursts of fire rained down on them from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay casino hotel.

By Monday afternoon, 59 victims were dead and 527 injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

“You just didn’t know what to do,” Akiyoshi said. “Your heart is racing and you’re thinking, ‘I’m going to die.’”

The gunman, identified as Stephen Craig Paddock, a 64-year-old retired accountant from Mesquite, Nevada, killed himself before officers stormed Room 135 in the gold-colored glass skyscraper.

The avid gambler who according to his brother made a small fortune investing in real estate had been staying there since Thursday and had busted out windows to create his sniper’s perch roughly 500 yards from the concert grounds.

The motive for the attack remained a mystery, with Sheriff Joseph Lombardo saying: “I can’t get into the mind of a psychopath at this point.”

Paddock had 23 guns — some with scopes — in his hotel room, authorities said. They found two gun stocks

Mass shooting in Las Vegas

Mandalay Bay: A gunman on the 32nd floor shoots at crowd about 400 yards away during outdoor country music festival

Country festival: More than 22,000 people were attending concert at the time of the shooting



Source: AP Google Earth Pro Graphic: Staff, TNS

that allow the shooter to replicate fully automatic fire, and are investigating whether weapons used in the massacre had those modifications, according to a U.S. official briefed by law enforcement who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is still unfolding.

At Paddock’s home, authorities found 19 more guns, explosives and thousands of rounds of ammunition. Also, several pounds of ammonium nitrate, a fertilizer that can be turned into explosives such as those used in the 1995 Oklahoma bombing, were in his car, the sheriff said.

The FBI said it found nothing so far to suggest the attack was connected to international terrorism, despite a claim of responsibility from the Islamic State group, which said Paddock was a “soldier” who had recently converted to Islam.

In an address to the country, President Donald Trump called the bloodbath “an act of pure evil” and added: “In moments of tragedy and horror, America comes together as one. And it always has.” He ordered flags flown at half-staff.

With hospitals jammed with victims, authorities put out a call for blood donations and set up a hotline to report missing people and speed the identification of the dead and wounded. They also opened a “family reunification center” for people to find loved ones.

More than 12 hours after the massacre, bodies covered in white sheets were still being removed from the festival grounds.

The shooting began at 10:07 p.m., and the gunman appeared to fire unhindered for more than 10 minutes, according to radio traffic. Police frantically tried to locate him and determine whether the gunfire was coming from Mandalay Bay or the neighboring Luxor hotel.

At 10:14 p.m., an officer said on his radio that he was pinned down against a wall on Las Vegas Boulevard with 40 to 50 people.

Asia

Witnesses recount N. Korean leader's brother's last moments

SHAH ALAM, Malaysia (AP)—Witnesses recounted the last moments of the estranged half brother of North Korea's leader as the trial began Monday in Malaysia of two women accused of assassinating him by smearing an exotic poison on his face.

Siti Aisyah of Indonesia and Doan Thi Huong of Vietnam are charged in the Feb. 13 murder of Kim Jong Nam using banned VX nerve agent at a crowded airport terminal in Kuala Lumpur.

The women, who pleaded innocent at Malaysia's High Court, have said they thought they were playing a harmless prank for a hidden-camera TV show and had been hoodwinked by men suspected of being North Korean agents. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is believed to have considered his older sibling a potential rival for power.

Monday's court session was primarily a reconstruction of Kim Jong Nam's final moments at the airport.

Airport information counter staff Juliana Idris, the first person Kim went to after being attacked, told the court "his hands were shaking a bit" but she didn't know why. She said Kim told her "he was attacked from behind by two women," with one of them wiping something over his eyes.

Myanmar takes foreign diplomats into conflict-torn Rakhine

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar authorities took foreign diplomats and United Nations representatives on a tour Monday of conflict-torn northern Rakhine state, where a security crackdown has led to an exodus of more than 500,000 Rohingya Muslims.

Three groups of diplomats were taken to three different areas, said Ye Htut, district administrator of Maungdaw in Rakhine. He did not provide details on the diplomats' nationalities.

Myanmar has come under international criticism for barring aid groups, journalists and other outsiders from independently traveling to the region to see the situation there. A guided visit for diplomats scheduled for last week was abruptly canceled.

More than half a million Rohingya have fled from the region to Bangladesh in just over a month, the largest refugee crisis to hit Asia in decades. The current exodus



In this combination of photos, Indonesian Siti Aisyah, left, and Vietnamese Doan Thi Huong, right, are escorted by police as they leave their court hearing at Shah Alam court house in Shah Alam, outside Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Monday, Oct. 2, 2017.

She said that at Kim's request she took him to file a report with a police officer before going to a clinic.

Police officer Mohd Zulkarnain Sanudin testified that Kim's eyes were red and he could see some liquid on his face, but he could not tell if it was sweat or something else.

He said he had mistakenly reported that Kim was South Korean because he had misidentified his passport, issued under North Korea's formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. The passport used Kim's pseudonym, Kim Chol.

Airport clinic nurse Rabia-tul Adawiyah Mohamad Sofi said that before Kim had a sei-

zure, she used facial tissue to wipe liquid off his face, but he appeared to still be sweating. She said Kim appeared to be in pain and told her someone sprayed liquid on his face.

Airport clinic doctor Nik Mohd Adzrul Ariff Raja Azlan said Kim was unable to respond when he was asked what had happened.

"When I saw him, his hands were clutching his head. He was closing his eyes tightly and his face was very red. He was sweating profusely," Nik testified.

He said Kim had extremely high blood pressure and rapid pulse and started to display seizure symptoms, with his jaw and teeth clenched and eyes rolling upward.

Myanmar, although many families have lived in the country for generations. The Myanmar delegation did not speak to the media.

"I see today's development very positively, but we know Myanmar's previous behavior when it comes to Rohingya and their repatriation," said Delwar Hossain, a professor of international relations at Dhaka University. "Myanmar did not keep their word in the past, they stopped cooperating with Bangladesh for their repatriation."

The latest violence began when a Rohingya insurgent group launched deadly attacks on security posts Aug. 25, prompting Myanmar's military to launch "clearance operations."

Those fleeing have described indiscriminate attacks by security forces and Buddhist mobs. The government has blamed the Rohingya, saying they set fire to their own homes, but the U.N. and others accuse it of ethnic cleansing in

World

Officials: US to ask Cuba to cut embassy staff by 60 pct.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Trump administration is preparing to ask Cuba to withdraw 60 percent of its diplomats from Washington, U.S. officials said Monday, in response to last week's U.S. move to cut its own embassy staff in Havana by a similar amount.

The U.S. request marks yet another major setback for relations between the United States and Cuba, two countries that only recently renewed diplomatic relations after a half-century of hostility. It comes as the U.S. seeks to protect its own diplomats from unexplained attacks that have harmed at least 21 Americans in Havana with ailments that affected their hearing, cognition, balance and vision.

The State Department is expected to announce the decision Tuesday, officials said, though they cautioned no decision was formalized until publicly announced. The officials weren't authorized to discuss the plan publicly and requested anonymity.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson discussed the plan Monday with President Donald Trump, one of the officials said.

Cuba has denied involvement in the attacks. Though Havana is likely to view the move as unwarranted retaliation, U.S. officials said the goal wasn't to punish the communist-run island, but to ensure both countries have a similar number of diplomats in each other's capitals. The United States will formally

ask Cuba to pull the diplomats, but won't expel them forcefully unless Havana refuses, the officials said.

Tensions between the two neighbors have been escalating amid serious U.S. concern about the unexplained attacks on Americans in Havana.

On Monday, The Associated Press reported that U.S. spies were among the first and most severely affected victims. Though bona fide diplomats have also been affected, it wasn't until U.S. spies, working out of the embassy under diplomatic cover, reported hearing bizarre sounds and experiencing even stranger physical effects that the United States realized something was wrong, several individuals familiar with the situation said.

The mysterious "health attacks" started within days of President Donald Trump's election in November, the AP has reported. But it wasn't until Friday that the United States ordered more than half its embassy staff to return home.

Delivering a one-two punch to U.S.-Cuba relations, the U.S. last week also delivered an ominous warning to Americans to stay away from Cuba, a move that could have profound implications for the island's travel industry. The U.S. said that since some workers had been attacked in Havana hotels, it couldn't assure Americans who visit Cuba that they wouldn't suffer attacks if they stay in hotels there.

Cuba had blasted the

American move as "hasty" and lamented that it was being taken without conclusive investigation results. But several U.S. lawmakers had said that move by Washington didn't go far enough, because President Raul Castro's government was being permitted to keep all of its diplomats in the U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., had called the one-sided action "an insult" in an AP interview.

There was no immediate reaction from Cuba's Embassy in Washington late Monday after word emerged that the U.S. planned to ask Cuban diplomats to leave. Yet the move will bring the two countries closer to the chilly state of relations they endured for decades until 2015, when they restored formal ties and re-opened embassies in Havana and Washington.

The U.S. previously had roughly 50 American workers at its embassy in Havana, so the 60 percent reduction will bring the figure down to roughly 20. It wasn't immediately clear late Monday how Cuban diplomats will have to leave Washington to bring the two countries' rosters to parity.

In Friday's travel warning urging Americans not to visit Cuba, the State Department confirmed earlier reporting by the AP that U.S. personnel first encountered unexplained physical effects in Cuban hotels. While American tourists aren't known to have been hurt, the U.S. said they could be exposed if they travel to the island.

WORLD BRIEFS

Without evidence, Islamic State claims Las Vegas shooting

CAIRO (AP)—Without providing any evidence to support the claim, the Islamic State group on Monday said the gunman in the mass shooting in Las Vegas was "a soldier" from its ranks who had converted to Islam months ago. Authorities have yet to identify a motive for the shooting, and said initially there was no evidence of any connection to international terrorism. The extremist group has a history of exaggerated or false claims, including earlier this year, when it claimed an attack on a casino in the Philippines that turned out to have

been a botched robbery carried out by a heavily indebted gambling addict. The group's Aamaq news agency released two brief statements hours after the shooting at a country music concert that killed at least 59 people and wounded more than 500. The group later released Spanish language versions of these statements.

Ecuador court orders vice president jailed in graft probe

QUITO, Ecuador (AP)—Ecuador's Supreme Court on Monday ordered the jailing of Vice President Jorge Glas while he is investigated for allegedly taking bribes from a Brazilian construction giant involved in a sprawl-

ing regional graft scandal. Judge Miguel Jurado accepted a request from prosecutors that Glas be detained to guard against any attempt to escape. Until Monday's ruling Glas was been free but barred from leaving the country. Glas, who has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, took to Twitter to denounce the ruling as politically motivated. Still, he said he would respect the ruling, which he called "disgraceful attack" built on "forged" or non-existent evidence. "You don't have to go looking for me, I'm where I've always been," he tweeted, vowing that he would exhaust all appeals nationally and internationally to clear his name.

Environment

Keeping garden lizards out of the house, getting rid of morning glories, and downy mildew on impatiens

By JESSICA DAMIANO
NEWSDAY

Dear Jessica: Last year, after a five-year hiatus due to blight, I again planted impatiens. They did great, blossomed and bloomed until late September. Encouraged by my success, I again planted impatiens this year. They again blossomed beautifully in June, July and into August. Then I noticed a few stems starting to get asparagus-like. Within a week, half the plants were looking like asparagus. I can only surmise that the blight is back again. Is there anything I can do short of waiting another five or six years to once again enjoy this beautiful plant?

— Tom Occhiogrosso

Dear Tom: What happened here is that you took a gamble and got lucky. Then gambled again and lost. The pathogen that causes downy mildew disease and has plagued impatiens for several years, *Plasmopara obducens*, is still alive and well on Long Island. It lives in the soil and is also carried by airborne spores, just waiting for a host.

Taking a chance, as you have, only serves to feed the beast and can unwittingly prolong the presence of the disease in the region.

I strongly urge you to avoid planting impatiens until the disease is no longer a threat on Long Island. If you unknowingly bring home an affected plant (which, as you can attest, will appear healthy at the nursery), the pathogen will spread from your garden and exacerbate the problem for everyone.

There's a hybrid species of impatiens called Bounce, which isn't susceptible to the disease and has grown very nicely in my garden these past three summers. The plants have the same habit and flower count as your beloved *Impatiens walleriana*, and they even bounce back from severe wilt after a simple watering, hence their name. You might look for them or New Guinea impatiens, which also are immune to the disease, next year instead. Vinca is a nice substitute, as well.

Dear Jessica: My neighbor is inundated with lizards in her garden. So am I, but I'm fairly tolerant of them except for the occasional adventurous baby that sneaks into my



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Impatiens plants infected with downy mildew on the underside of the leaves

kitchen when I go back and forth into my yard. My neighbor would like to know how to get rid of them, if that's possible. I know they hibernate in the cold weather, and my concern is that they might start hibernating in my basement, which isn't sealed tightly. I haven't noticed them down there yet, but the population is growing fast! Any suggestions?

— Valerie Baxter,

Dear Valerie: Lizards are wonderful helpers in the garden. I can't really understand why anyone would want to eliminate them. They gobble up harmful pests, often including slugs, and typically pose no threat to flora or fauna.

Having said that, I can certainly understand the desire to keep lizards out of the house. Doing so simply requires the same basic precautions used to discourage mice and insects from entering. Ensure window screens are in place, seal foundation cracks, plug visible holes and install weather stripping around air conditioners, doors and windows. In addition, keep wood piles and debris that can be used as a reptilian shelter away from the house.

I've never had a lizard in my house, but I do sometimes get crickets, and when I do I simply catch them barehanded and escort them outdoors. If the thought of that makes you squeamish, you can catch them with glue traps, but please take them outside and

pour vegetable oil on their feet to release them safely.

Dear Jessica: I need your help. My perennial flower garden is being invaded by morning glory vines. I dig them out but may not get the whole root, plus they are coming in from under the fence from my neighbors' yard. I was thinking of trying a controlled application of vegetation killer. Can you give me some advice?

— Jerome Cavanna,



Dear Jerome: The best thing to do is rip them out now, before they drop seeds. You still might get babies next spring, but pull them out when they're young seedlings, and

you'll see their population greatly diminished.

You don't say what your relationship is like with your neighbor, but if you're comfortable doing so, ask him or her to keep the plants clear of the fence line. If that's not possible, and your neighbors' plants invade your side of the fence again next year, pull them out before they take hold.

Remember, they are annuals, so the plants you see now will have completed their life cycle by spring. It's those pesky seeds that survive in the soil and sprout up a new generation every year.

For centuries, Irish folklore told of a trickster named Jack who deceives the devil to avoid going to hell. But Jack is denied entry into heaven also, and is forced to roam the earth as a spirit, carrying a hollowed-out turnip lit with a single burning coal. Folks called him "Jack of the Lantern," and carved their own turnips, potatoes or beets into scary faces to ward off such wandering souls or evil creatures.

The custom came to America with the Irish, who soon found that pumpkins, a native fruit, made perfect jack-o'-lanterns.

- Brenda Weaver

Source: www.history.com, www.wikipedia.org

Life & Style

Singers describe 'war zone' at music festival shooting

Two country singers on the bill at the Route 91 Harvest Festival have described a scene of terror that felt like a "war zone" as a shooter in a Las Vegas hotel rained gunfire down on thousands of music fans.

Police said at least 58 people died and at least 515 people were injured during the shooting Sunday. It was the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

Country singer Tyler Reeve says he was backstage when a volley of shots rang out Sunday night during a performance by Jason Aldean. He and other singers took cover in a trailer while bullets struck tour buses, equipment cases and the stage.

SWAT teams using explosives stormed the gunman's hotel room in the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino and found he had killed himself, authorities said. The attacker, Stephen Craig Paddock, a 64-year-old retiree from Mesquite, Nevada, had 16 rifles and a handgun, they said.

"I don't think many people realized right away what it was, but right when I heard it, I grabbed my buddy that was next to me and started running toward a production trailer," Reeve told The Associated Press in a phone interview Monday from Las Vegas.

Reeve and others lay down on the trailer floor and turned all the lights off.



AP
A woman cries while hiding inside the Sands Corporation plane hangar after a mass shooting in which dozens were killed at the Route 91 Harvest Festival on Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017, in Las Vegas.

"As we were lying in this trailer, I was thinking, 'This can't really be happening,' and it just went on and on. I can't even describe the feeling, just absolute terror," Reeve said.

After about 45 minutes, Reeve and his friends left the trailer and ran through the streets to the MGM Grand Casino.

"It was just shoes and clothing and blood and bodies,"

Reeve said. "It was a war zone."

Dylan Schneider, another singer who also performed Sunday, says he was watching Aldean's performance near the front of the stage when he heard what he initially thought were fireworks. But as the shooting continued he and his manager ran for cover under nearby bleachers.

"On top of the bleachers

all you heard was banging," Schneider said in a phone interview Monday from Las Vegas. "People running around and everybody screaming."

He said the crowd scattered in all directions, unsure of where the gunfire was coming from.

"No one knew what to do," he said. "It was literally running for your life and you don't know what decision is the right one."

From under the bleachers, he said he could see people lying on the grass. Schneider said he and his manager ran to the Tropicana Hotel and Casino where they spent several hours in a convention room with hundreds of other people.

"I just feel so terrible that this had to happen at something that was supposed to be a good time," Schneider said. "I am thinking of all the families."

Box Office Top 20: 'Kingsman' sequel takes No. 1 by a hair

LOS ANGELES (AP)—In a Monday box office twist, "Kingsman: The Golden Circle" landed in the top spot after Sunday estimates had pegged the film for third place behind "It" and

the new Tom Cruise sequel "American Made." The race was tight between the three films nonetheless.

In its second week in first place, the "Kingsman" sequel took in \$16.93 million,

just over \$30,000 more than "It," which added \$16.9 million to its total. In third place was Cruise's "American Made," which debuted to \$16.8 million over the weekend.

The "Flatliners" remake also opened this weekend to less lively results. The film opened in fifth place with \$6.6 million.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday

1. "Kingsman: The Golden Circle," 20th Century Fox, \$16,935,565, 4,038 locations, \$4,194 average, \$66,637,153, 2 weeks.
2. "It," Warner Bros., \$16,902,442, 3,917 locations, \$4,315 average, \$290,775,232, 4 weeks.
3. "American Made," Universal, \$16,776,390, 3,024 locations, \$5,548 average, \$16,776,390, 1 week.
4. "The Lego Ninjago Movie," Warner Bros., \$11,644,237, 4,047 locations, \$2,877 average, \$35,200,302, 2 weeks.
5. "Flatliners," Sony, \$6,574,326, 2,552 locations, \$2,576 average, \$6,574,326, 1 week.
6. "Battle Of The Sexes," Fox Searchlight, \$3,417,342, 1,213 locations, \$2,817 average, \$4,090,500, 2 weeks.
7. "American Assassin," Lionsgate, \$3,315,644, 3,020 locations, \$1,098 average, \$31,864,225, 3 weeks.
8. "Home Again," Open Road, \$1,726,563, 2,370 locations, \$729 average, \$25,152,128, 4 weeks.
9. "Til Death Do Us Part," Novus Content, \$1,521,803, 562 locations, \$2,708 average, \$1,521,803, 1 week.
10. "mother!" Paramount, \$1,449,378, 1,840 locations, \$788 average, \$16,310,224, 3 weeks.
11. "Victoria & Abdul," Focus Features, \$1,092,204, 77 locations, \$14,184 average, \$1,312,549, 2 weeks.
12. "A Question Of Faith," Pure Flix, \$1,025,489, 661 locations, \$1,551 average, \$1,025,489, 1 week.
13. "Stronger," Lionsgate/Roadside Attractions, \$922,923, 645 locations, \$1,431 average, \$3,165,000, 2 weeks.
14. "Friend Request," Entertainment Studios Motion Pictures, \$728,064, 2,081 locations, \$350 average, \$3,411,022, 2 weeks.
15. "Hitman's Bodyguard," The, Lionsgate, \$679,375, 1,119 locations, \$607 average, \$74,624,503, 7 weeks.
16. "Judwaa 2," Fox International Productions, \$638,045, 192 locations, \$3,323 average, \$638,045, 1 week.
17. "Wind River," The Weinstein Company, \$597,048, 892 locations, \$669 average, \$32,786,407, 9 weeks.
18. "Spider-Man: Homecoming," Sony, \$588,932, 679 locations, \$867 average, \$332,707,249, 13 weeks.
19. "Leap!" The Weinstein Company, \$483,227, 730 locations, \$662 average, \$20,910,437, 6 weeks.
20. "Brad's Status," Annapurna Pictures, \$400,522, 453 locations, \$884 average, \$1,766,066, 3 weeks.

Late-night TV hosts decry Las Vegas killings, gun laws

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Late-night comics decried the Las Vegas mass shooting, with Jimmy Kimmel and Trevor Noah lashing out at politicians who oppose gun control.

They spoke out on Monday, the day after the worst shooting in modern U.S. history claimed at least 59 lives.

Kimmel criticized Republican congressional leaders Mitch McConnell and Paul Ryan, accusing them of bowing to the gun lobby.

On Comedy Central, the South African-born Noah said he was dismayed by how many mass shootings he's seen in just two years in America. He mocked current GOP legislation aimed at loosening gun rules.

A measured Stephen Colbert appealed to President Donald Trump, a regular target for the CBS host.

He called on Trump to "make America great again" by passing common-sense gun control legislation.

I know what it's like to wonder where that person is, or wonder what is going on, cause we were doing that ourselves."

Josh Abbott, the lead singer of the Josh Abbott Band, had also performed that day and went back his hotel room in the Mandalay Bay Hotel and Casino, a few floors below where police found the attacker dead.

"I had just left and was in the Mandalay Bay on the 20th floor with my fiancee during the shooting just a few floors away," Abbott said in a statement. "The band & crew were on the concert grounds and saw people get shot. Some of my crew members were hit with shrapnel, but not injured. We are deeply disturbed by this horrific act of violence and send our thoughts and prayers to the victims and their families. It was a long awful night but we are blessed to be alive and healthy. Hug your loved ones tight."

Caleb Keeter, a guitarist for the Josh Abbott Band, posted a statement on Twitter about his reaction to the shooting.

"I have been a proponent of the 2nd Amendment my entire life," Keeter wrote. "Until the events of last night. I cannot express how wrong I was."

Keeter said while members of their crew had legal firearms on their bus, they didn't want to be mistaken for attackers.

By HILLEL ITALIE
AP NATIONAL WRITER

Tom Petty, an old-fashioned rock superstar and everyman who drew upon the Byrds, the Beatles and other bands he worshipped as a boy and produced new classics such as "Free Fallin'," "Refugee" and "American Girl," has died. He was 66.

Petty passed away Monday night at UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles a day after he suffered cardiac arrest at his home in Malibu, California, spokeswoman Carla Sacks said.

Petty and his longtime band the Heartbreakers had recently completed a 40th anniversary tour, one he hinted would be their last.

"I'm thinking it may be the last trip around the country," Petty told Rolling Stone last year. "We're all on the back-side of our 60s. I have a granddaughter now I'd like to see

as much as I can. I don't want to spend my life on the road. This tour will take me away for four months. With a little kid, that's a lot of time."

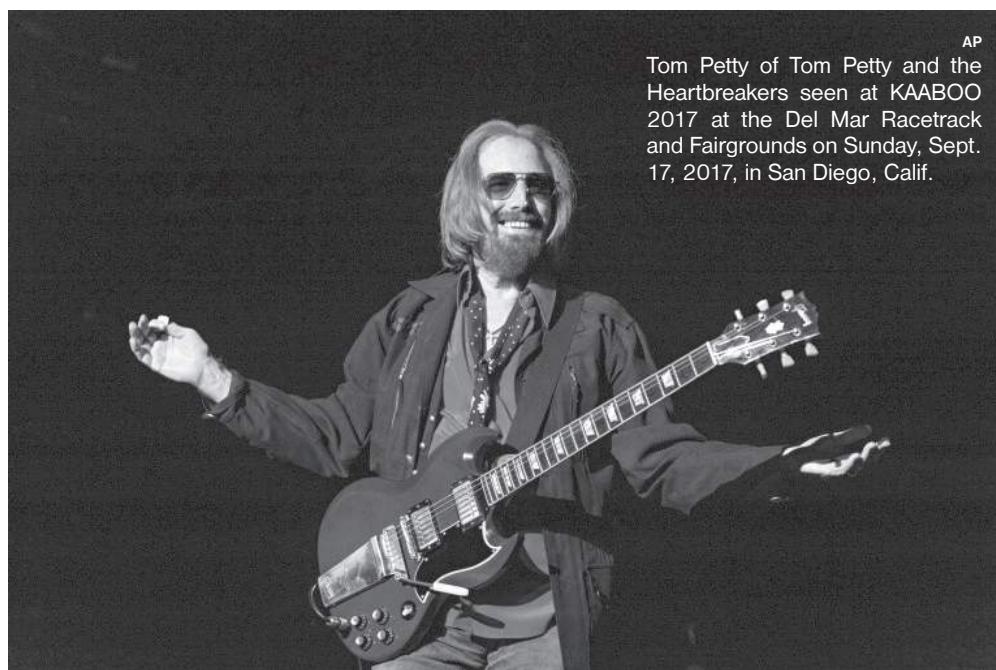
LOS ANGELES (AP)—For several hours Monday, music lovers believed Tom Petty was dead.

Courtney Love, Talib Kweli, Kid Rock, Cyndi Lauper, Paul Stanley and Lin-Manuel Miranda were among scores of fans posting remembrances on Twitter, where Petty was the top worldwide trending topic Monday afternoon. A memorial was scheduled for his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

But the 66-year-old entertainer is still alive at the time, and news outlets that announced his death Monday were forced to retract their stories. The Walk of Fame tribute was canceled.

The reports, as it turned out, were merely premature.

Rock superstar Tom Petty dies at 66



Tom Petty of Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers seen at KAABOO 2017 at the Del Mar Racetrack and Fairgrounds on Sunday, Sept. 17, 2017, in San Diego, Calif. AP

Petty's publicist confirmed late Monday that the rocker died at 8:40 p.m. after having suffered cardiac arrest.

The unusual chain of events led some to quip online that Petty went out in true rock star fashion — by

dying twice in one day.

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Usually backed by the Heartbreakers, Petty broke through in the 1970s and went on to sell more than 80 million records. The Gainesville, Florida, native with the shaggy blond hair and gaunt features was loved for his melodic hard rock, nasally vocals and down-to-earth style. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, which inducted Petty and the Heartbreakers in 2002, praised them as "durable, resourceful, hard-working, likeable and unpretentious."

There were other revelations that took him aback, he said. David learned of ancestors who settled in Birmingham, Alabama, in the 1840s, owned two slaves and fought for the Confederacy in the Civil War. A hundred years later, many aunts, uncles and cousins on the maternal side of his family died in Nazi Germany's Holocaust.

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the Losers" and "I Won't Back Down."

"It's sort of the classic theme of a lot of the work I've done," he told The Associated Press in 1989. "I think faith is very important just to get through life. I think it's really important that you believe in yourself, first of all. It's a very hard to thing to come by. But when you get it, it's invaluable."

Petty didn't just sing about not backing down, he lived it. In 1979, he was enraged when his record label was sold and his contract transferred. Stating that he would not be "bought and sold like a piece of meat," he self-financed what became "Damn the Torpedoes" and declared bankruptcy rather than allowing his label, MCA, to release it. He eventually reached a new deal with MCA, for better terms. In the early 1980s, he was again at war with MCA, this time over the label's plans to charge extra money, a dollar higher than the standard \$8.98, for his album "Hard Promises." He again prevailed.

Petty was both a musician and obsessive fan, one who met his childhood heroes and lived out the fantasies of countless young rock lovers. He befriended Byrds leader Roger McGuinn and became close to George Harrison, who performed on "I Won't Back Down" and joined Petty, Bob Dylan, Roy Orbison and Jeff Lynne in the impromptu super group the Traveling Wilburys. Petty inducted Harrison into the Rock Hall in 2004; two years earlier Dylan's son Jakob inducted Petty. In the 1980s, Petty and the Heartbreakers supported Bob Dylan on a nationwide tour.

Genealogy show unlocks family secrets for Carly Simon, more

LOS ANGELES (AP)—If there's a bigger cheerleader for genealogy research than Henry Louis Gates Jr. it's unlikely they're nearly as well-connected.

The prominent Harvard professor once again lures the famous and celebrated to PBS' "Finding Your Roots," which shares their ancestry and family stories as uncovered by impressive research and science.

In the fourth season beginning Tuesday (check local listings for time), the three dozen subjects include Scarlett Johansson, Lupita Nyong'o, Sean Combs, Amy Schumer, Garrison Keillor, Aziz Ansari, filmmaker Ava DuVernay, author Ta-Nehisi Coates and Christopher Walken.

Larry David, whom Gates



This combination photo shows Carly Simon, left, at the Oceana's Partners Award Gala on Oct. 30, 2013, in Beverly Hills, Calif. and Scarlett Johansson at the 71st annual Tony Awards in New York on June 11, 2017.

said he'd "bugged" for three years to go under the "Roots" microscope, finally agreed and discovered that he's related to Bernie Sanders, whom David memorably imper-

sonated on "Saturday Night Live." Their separate family stories are on the season opener.

David said he was reluctant to have personal details

disclosed on TV but was glad he finally took part, lauding the "incredible job" done by researchers.

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Wife opposes husband's plan to donate sperm to a friend

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I married a kind, hard-working man I'll call Travis. These two years have been the best of my life, and I couldn't imagine a better husband. However, I just got some news I feel is threatening our marriage.

Travis' friend from childhood, "Bethany," wants to start a family with her wife. Travis informed me that he agreed to donate his sperm to Bethany so she can become pregnant. I feel betrayed. My husband will be starting a family with his friend before we have kids! I know it may seem irrational, but I feel like he's cheating on me.

When I told him how I felt, he said I was being selfish and it was his decision. He also said it wouldn't matter because he isn't going to help raise the child. Does Travis really have the right to donate his sperm without my consent? If so, how do I suppress my anger toward him and Bethany?

FUMING IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR FUMING: You are asking some intelligent questions, but ones that should be answered by an attorney. Your husband may be the nicest, most generous man on the planet, but there are contingencies that need to be taken into consideration before Bethany becomes pregnant. Please suppress your anger long enough to convince Tra-

vis that he shouldn't rush into this agreement without legal counsel. He may thank you for it later.

DEAR ABBY: Traditionally, husbands-to-be ask the fiancee's father for permission to marry her. Why do we never hear about the bride-to-be asking the husband's mother for her permission?

My husband asked my dad before proposing to me. I think it was a nice gesture, and Dad was delighted for him to be included into our family. Had I asked my MIL for permission to marry her son, I would have known right away she was opposed to it.

Now, three rocky years later, she's still accusing me of taking her son away from her. She tells him if he ever wants to leave me, he's more than welcome to come back home to Mommy. (His three other siblings still live there.)

Had I asked, I would have known up front that she hated me (not because of who I am, but because she didn't want her oldest to ever leave). Would I still have married him? I think I would have, but I would have been prepared for the treacherous days ahead.

UNPREPARED FOR THE TREACHERY

DEAR UNPREPARED: You have my sympathy. When mothers-in-law from heaven were handed out, it appears you were assigned someone from as far south as one can get.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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She may be the reason that verse in the Bible about leaving and cleaving was included. Your situation illustrates why it's important for women—and men—to get to know the family of their intended before taking that trip to the altar.

P.S. Traditionally, women were considered to be the property of their fathers, which is why permission needed to be granted before they were "given" in marriage. The same was not true of sons.

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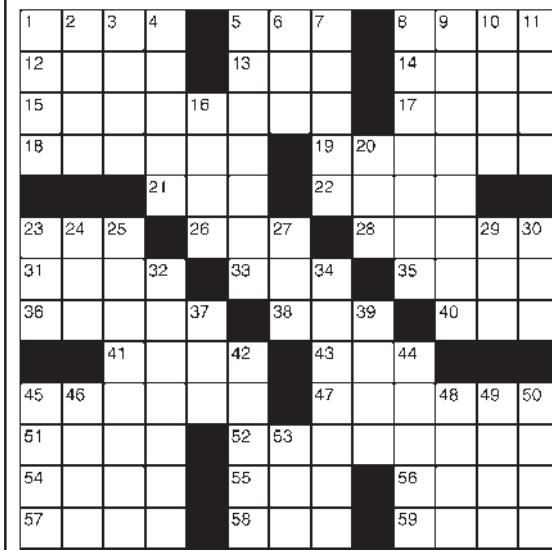


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Dakota Johnson, 28; Liev Schreiber, 50; Christoph Waltz, 61; Susan Sarandon, 71.

Happy Birthday: Consider the best way to make improvements to how you live. Happiness will require honesty and the willingness to discuss what you want to pursue. Planning your actions and showing responsibility and integrity will help you sway others to see things your way and help your cause. Impulsive actions will be met with opposition. Choose your words and your actions carefully. Your numbers are 8, 11, 19, 25, 31, 36, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Check out your professional options and consider what suits you best. Choosing to focus on doing something that you find satisfying will make a difference to your emotional, physical and mental health. Use intelligence and common sense to guide you. ☀★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Channel your energy into something you enjoy. A creative project that requires stamina and physical strength will help you explore your skills and talents. Enjoying a fun activity with someone you love is encouraged. ☀★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Lend a helping hand, volunteer your services and keep doing what you do best. The less time spent worrying about situations you cannot change, the better. Get out with friends, do something with youngsters and enjoy the moment. ☀★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a step back to reevaluate your situation. Don't confront anyone if you don't have

enough information or evidence. Caution and moderate gestures will help you avoid mistakes and loss. ☀★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Mixing business with pleasure will backfire. Emotional issues will surface that could put you in a precarious position regarding both your home and your professional life. Travel and communication will result in delays and confusion. ☀★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Expect someone to lean on you. Be ready to offer suggestions, but don't take on someone else's burden. Focus on your life and the personal growth you want to achieve in order to raise your standard of living. Romance is highlighted. ☀★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep personal information and passwords secret. Listen carefully, but don't share information. Expect to face emotional manipulation when dealing with authority figures, colleagues or listening to a sales pitch. Get the facts and make your own decisions. ☀★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't settle for anything less than what you want. Work hard, play hard and do your best to encourage others. Collaborating with people who share your vision will bring you closer to your goals. Love will enhance your life. ☀★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Think matters through before you make a decision or take action. Preparation and knowing exactly what you want to see transpire will help you choose the best route possible to get where you want to go. ☀★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep the love flowing. You'll get much farther using kindness than you will if you are pushy or make demands. Love and romance are highlighted and will make a difference to a relationship that's important to you. ☀★★★

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By Dave Green

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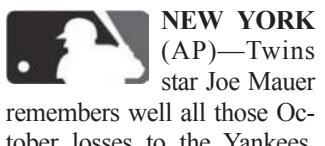
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Yankees, Twins renew one-sided rivalry



NEW YORK

(AP)—Twins star Joe Mauer remembers well all those October losses to the Yankees. So too, surely, do Minnesota's fans.

Around the rest of the Twins clubhouse, though, it may as well be ancient history.

Back in the playoffs for the first time in seven years, Mauer and upstart Minnesota will face New York in the AL wild-card game Tuesday night hoping to turn around what has been a one-sided postseason rivalry.

New York eliminated the small-market Twins in the Division Series four times from 2003-10, repeatedly dashing the World Series aspirations of a largely homegrown lineup.

"Somebody asked me earlier, 'Does it feel like seven years?'" Mauer said. "I said, 'Yes, and all of that.'"

Mauer is the only holdover from that era. Minnesota now has a new batch of budding young stars, and it's a group that's already wrecked some history. Powered by Miguel Sano and Byron Buxton, these Twins became the first team ever to go from 100 losses one year to the playoffs the next.

"I'm really excited for this group to experience this," Mauer said. "There's a lot of guys in our clubhouse that this is their first go-round. I was just real happy. It's been a special year to see these guys kind of grow."

This time, Minnesota won't be running into playoff-proven Yankee greats like Derek Jeter and Mariano Rivera.

Like the Twins, New York has been fueled by its burgeoning big leaguers. AL MVP hopeful Aaron Judge headlines the crew, which also includes Tuesday's starter Luis Severino and catcher Gary Sanchez. Only Brett Gardner, Greg Bird, Didi Gregorius and Chase Headley started for New York in their previous wild-card appearance, a 3-0 loss to Dallas Keuchel and the Astros in 2015.

"The faces have changed so much," said Yankees manager Joe Girardi, who managed New York past Minnesota in the 2009 and '10 ALDS.

The 6-foot-7 Judge set a rookie record with 52 homers this year and has become the new face of the franchise. He even has his own cheering section at Yankee Stadium -- The Judge's Chambers in right field, which will host a group of Bronx school kids Tuesday.

Limiting Judge may be the most pivotal task for Twins starter Ervin Santana.

"Have to be careful with him," Santana said. "Don't try to leave any cookies



AP
Minnesota Twins pitcher Bartolo Colon delivers the ball as New York Yankees' Aaron Judge, right, leads off first base during the first inning of a baseball game Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017, at Yankee Stadium in New York.

from 59-103 in 2016 to the playoffs this year? A big key was a renewed focus on fundamentals.

In spring training, the Twins packed players into classrooms to talk baserunning and defense.

"We cleaned a lot of that up," leadoff hitter Brian Dozier said.

Sure did. Minnesota finished 10th in the majors with 17 defensive runs saved after finishing 28th at minus-49 runs in 2016.

The Twins also led the majors with 28 bunt hits, according to Baseball Info Solutions, and they were the best team on the bases in the majors this year, according to Fangraphs' advanced baserunning metric.

Buxton was key in all those areas. The 23-year-old is a Gold Glove Award candidate in center field, led the team with 11 bunt hits and was the best baserunner in baseball this year, as measured by Fangraphs.

"He just has a lot of ways to impact the game," Molitor said. "He might not get a hit and might be the most important player on the field, and there's not a lot of people who can fill that bill."

right there."

Here's some more to chew on before New York and Minnesota vie to face the reigning AL champion Indians in an ALDS:

As of Monday afternoon, Twins manager Paul Molitor hadn't decided on Sano's status for the game, although he was optimistic Sano would play. The slugger has been recovering from a stress reaction in his left shin.

Sano missed 38 games be-

fore returning to action Friday, and then he was pinch hit for Sunday after feeling some discomfort in the leg.

Molitor thinks Sano will at least be available off the bench.

"Whether he's going to start or not, I still haven't inked it in yet," Molitor said.

The 23-year-old Severino starts the wild-card game after going 14-6 with a 2.98 ERA in a breakout regular season. He averaged 97.6 mph on his fast-

ball—tops among qualified starters by nearly 2 mph—and paired it with a powerful slider and improved changeup.

Molitor, a member of the 3,000-hit club as a player, said he'd suggest that his hitters do more guessing at the plate than usual to combat Severino's overpowering arsenal.

"I don't think that you go up there trying to hit all three of his pitches because that's usually not a good mix," Molitor said. "A guy that was compa-

rable for me in his prime was Pedro (Martinez). I couldn't hit all three pitches. I just had to try to own something."

Minnesota faced Severino two weeks ago, chasing the right-hander after three runs in three innings. Severino labored through a 46-pitch third inning, including a 13-pitch at-bat against Mauer that ended in an RBI single. It was the longest at-bat of the 2009 AL MVP's career.

So how did Minnesota go

Braves general manager, scout chief resign amid MLB probe

ATLANTA (AP)—John Coppolella was forced to resign as Braves general manager Monday after an investigation by Major League Baseball revealed serious rules violations in the international player market.

Gordon Blakeley, a special assistant to the GM who was the team's international scouting chief, also has resigned.

Braves president John Hart will take over GM duties while the team searches for a full-time replacement.

Hart said the Braves cooperated when they first learned of the investigation "in the past couple weeks." He wouldn't reveal details of the rules violations but he did say they did not involve criminal activity.

Hart didn't know if the Braves would be penalized by MLB. But he acknowledged there was no agreement with the league for lesser organizational penalties in exchange for Coppolella's resignation.

"We didn't bargain, if you will, on that," Hart said. "The

decision that was made here internally was it just wasn't right and it wasn't going to fit for what worked with the Braves going forward."

Added Hart: "It didn't pass MLB muster, but at the same time it didn't pass Atlanta Braves muster."

Hart initially didn't believe the probe would uncover serious violations. He said that changed in the last three days as the team learned more findings from the MLB investigation.

"As we went into the last 72 hours I think in their investigation they dug up a number of things that were quite serious as far as the MLB rules," Hart said. "Ultimately, I think because of what they did dig up and what they did have, I think it sort of drove us into the spot we're in right now."

He said MLB has "made clear" the investigation "has about wrapped up."

An MLB spokesman would not provide details on an ongoing investigation.

Coppolella declined comment "at this time," when contacted by The Associated Press.

Hart said the search for a new GM wouldn't affect the team's decision on whether to exercise its 2018 option on manager Brian Snitker. He said that decision could come this week.

"Obviously that will be my call as we move forward," Hart said. "I think we've got a good feel for where we are with our club and what we're doing."

The Braves, who finished 72-90 this year, have been very active in the international market in recent years. More teams have increased their emphasis on international scouting, making the competition for top prospects intense.

In 2016, the Braves signed a group of 13 international prospects led by Kevin Maitan, a 16-year-old Venezuelan shortstop. Maitan, the consensus No. 1-rated international amateur prospect, signed for a \$4.25 million bonus, a record for a player from Venezuela.

Coppolella replaced Frank Wren as GM in 2015. Like most GMs, Coppolella had a mixed record in trades.

Perhaps his most successful deal came in late 2015, when the Braves traded right-hander Shelby Miller and prospect Gabe Speier to Arizona in exchange for outfielder Ender Inciarte, right-hander Aaron Blair and shortstop Dansby Swanson. Inciarte and Swanson are cornerstones of Atlanta's rebuilding effort.

Also in 2015 came perhaps Coppolella's worst deal. Cuban infield prospect Hector Olivera was the biggest name obtained by Atlanta in a three-team trade that sent left-hander Alex Wood and infielder Jose Peraza to the Dodgers. Olivera hit .245 in only 30 combined games with Atlanta in 2015 and 2016.

Mets in the market for a new manager

In New York, by the time April was over, Noah Syndergaard and Yoenis Cespedes were already hurt.

Five months later, the New York Mets are in the market for a manager.

A season that started with such promise finally crawled to its merciful end Sunday when the depleted and diminished Mets—fittingly—were routed 11-0 by last-place Philadelphia. Moments after the game ended, an emotional Terry Collins confirmed he was stepping down as skipper and accepting a job in the front office.

"We need to make a change in direction," general manager Sandy Alderson said.

Just two years ago, Collins managed the Mets to an NL East title and their first World Series berth since 2000. They followed that up by overcoming a string of critical injuries to earn a 2016 wild card.

With almost the entire roster returning, expectations were high. Surely, the Mets would have better luck when it came to health.

Somehow, things only got worse.

Butker's field goals send Chiefs to win over Redskins

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—After Harrison Butker missed the first field-goal attempt of his NFL career, Chiefs coach Andy Reid walked over to the rookie and prepared to instill a little bit of confidence.

"He said, 'I got it. I got it. I was just off a tad,'" Reid recalled of their brief exchange. "He kind of gives you that feeling that everything's going to be OK."

Better than just "OK."

Butker responded to his first-half miss Monday night by drilling three field goals in the second half, the last a go-ahead 43-yarder with 8 seconds remaining that helped Kansas City beat the Washington Redskins 29-20 and remain the only unbeaten team in the NFL.

"I didn't have butterflies. I felt confident," said Butker, who was claimed off the Carolina practice squad to replace injured kicker Cairo Santos. "I knew it was going to come down to a field goal. I felt pretty calm. I was excited; I wasn't nervous."

The Chiefs (4-0) an exclamation point on the win when linebacker Justin Houston picked up a fumble as the Redskins (3-2) were trying to keep the game alive and returned it for a game-ending touchdown.

The last time there was only one unbeaten team through the first four weeks of the season was 2010, when the Chiefs were the final team standing. They went on to win the AFC West.

"I mean, it's the NFL. It's any given Sunday for a reason," said Chiefs tight end Travis Kelce, who had seven catches for 111 yards and a



score. "All these teams are scheming everybody up. It's a testament to this team for especially not only being 4-0, but the way we've won."

Alex Smith threw for 293 yards with touchdowns on the ground and through the air, and his 37-yard strike to Albert Wilson on a broken play that set up Butker's go-ahead kick. Kareem Hunt added 101 yards on the ground for the rookie's fourth straight 100-yard effort.

"Winning is more meaningful," Hunt said with a smile. "I could have 50 yards as long as we win."

Kirk Cousins had 220 yards passing and two touchdowns for Washington, but his throw to the end zone with 50 seconds left was dropped by Josh Doctson and forced the Redskins to kick a field goal.

That missed opportunity

came back to haunt them less than a minute later.

"We'll go back and try to look at different plays throughout the game that could have made a big difference," Cousins said. "A tough one to lose. Felt like we had a chance there and didn't get it done."

The Redskins stunned the Chiefs early when Cousins found Terrelle Pryor over star

cornerback Marcus Peters for a 44-yard touchdown pass, then drove to the goal line before settling for a field goal.

But the plucky Chiefs slowly fought their way back into the game.

Smith started to find his athletic tight end down the seam, then hit Kelce with a 17-yard TD strike late in the first half. The two connected again on third

down shortly after the break, and Smith scored a few plays later when he fooled the defense with a quarterback-keeper.

The Redskins needed fewer than 2 minutes to answer: Cousins' 69-yard pass to Vernon Davis set up a short throw to Ryan Grant, who also beat Peters, for a touchdown and a 17-14 lead.

But that's when injuries

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Alex Smith (11) tries to avoid Washington Redskins linebacker Ryan Kerrigan (91) during the first half of an NFL football game in Kansas City, Mo., Monday, Oct. 2, 2017.

began to take their toll: The Redskins lost cornerbacks Josh Norman, Montae Nicholson, Kendall Fuller and Quinton Dunbar along with safety Deshazor Everett, and in the fourth quarter had just four available defensive backs.

"I was looking up and I'm like, 'Man, we've got all backups in,'" Redskins safety D.J. Swearinger said. "If you're number is called, you've got to step up. We've got to get better at that as well."

It was 17-all after Butker made his first field goal, and his 32-yard kick gave Kansas City the lead back. The Redskins tied the game once more when Dustin Hopkins hit from 40 yards with 47 seconds left, but that turned out to be enough time to get Butker in position for the winning kick.

"He has a leg," Hunt said, "so I wasn't too worried. Just make it routine. He had a rough start but honestly, I believed in him, that he was going to bounce back."

Irving, Hayward make preseason debuts in Celtics' victory



BOSTON (AP)—Boston fans have been patiently waiting to get their first glimpse of the new era of Celtics basketball.

They finally got it, and it revealed a team with a lot of upside.

Offseason trade acquisition Kyrie Irving had nine points, four rebounds and three assists, and free agent pickup Gordon Hayward added five points and five rebounds as the Boston Celtics beat the Charlotte Hornets 94-82 Monday night in the preseason opener for both teams.

Rookie Jayson Tatum, the third overall pick in June's draft, finished with nine points, five rebounds and four assists. Aron Baynes added 10 points and five rebounds and three assists for Boston. The Celtics also shot 11 of 31 from the 3-point line.

"We're building a foundation," Irving said. "We understand that a few other teams that we're playing against, they're starting from the bottom as well...For us, we gotta take advantage of games like this."

Dwight Howard, who was traded by Atlanta to Charlotte this summer, finished with seven points, 10 rebounds and six turnovers in his Hornets debut. Jeremy Lamb had 17 points.

Irving and Hayward, the jewel pieces of an offseason reconstruction that has left only Celtics intact from last year's roster, sat out the second half.

In other games, the Washington Wizards beat the Guangzhou Long-Lions 126-96 in one of two exhibition games between NBA and international teams on Monday. In addition, the Utah Jazz beat the National Basketball League's Sydney Kings 108-83. It is the first time an NBL team faced an NBA team on American soil.

Grizzlies 92, Magic 84

Mario Chalmers had 19 points in 20 minutes, Jarell Martin added 16 points and the Grizzlies defeated the Magic in both teams' preseason opener.

Orlando led 65-64 late in the third quarter before the Grizzlies closed the period on an 8-0 run, which included six by Chalmers. Memphis led by as many as 10 in the final period.

Jonathan Isaac led the Magic with 15 points, followed by Mario Hezonja with 12.

Jonathon Simmons, Orlando's biggest offseason pickup, had a couple of highlight-worthy dunks and scored nine points in his Magic preseason debut. ... Aaron Gordon and Evan Fournier each played 15 minutes, scoring eight points apiece.

With center Marc Gasol (sprained ankle) and forward JaMychal Green both sitting, coach David Fizdale experimented with a smaller lineup of Brandan Wright at center, Chandler Parsons at power forward, and James Ennis at small forward along with Wayne Selden and Mike Conley at the guard spots.

Mavericks 106, Bucks 104

Jonathan Motley hit a layup with 4.1 seconds left to lift the Mavericks to a win over the Bucks. Motley scored all nine of his points in a fourth quarter that saw the Mavericks outscore the Bucks 31-20.

Dallas' starters were pulled after one quarter of action. Harrison Barnes was 4 of 6 from the field and had nine points. Dirk Nowitzki had five points in 10 minutes of action.

Khris Middleton led the Bucks with 12 points, followed by John Henson with 11 points and four rebounds.

Rashad Vaughn finished with 20 points for Milwaukee and missed a 30-footer at the buzzer. ... Greg Monroe had 12 points and seven rebounds.

Nerlens Noel played 15 minutes off the bench and had five points and two steals.

Kings 106, Spurs 100

LaMarcus Aldridge had 17

points in 16 minutes of action in the Spurs' loss to the Kings in the preseason opener for both teams.

The Spurs (0-1) played their starters for two quarters, giving the Kings a chance to showcase their young second unit. Rookie De'Aaron Fox shined in the extra playing time, scoring a game-high 16 on 7 of 8 shooting from the field.

The Kings (1-0) outscored the Spurs 23-16 in the fourth quarter.

Kawhi Leonard, Tony Parker and Rudy Gay all sat out. ... Patty Mills finished with 11 points and three assists in 17 minutes off the bench.

Skal Labissiere finished with 15 points, connecting on 7 of 10 shots. Buddy Hield added 12 points and four rebounds.

These teams are set to meet again Friday in San Antonio.

Nuggets 113, Lakers 107

Gary Harris scored 25 points in 21 minutes, Nikola Jokic added 16 and the Nuggets (2-0) defeated the Los Angeles Lakers.

Kentavious Caldwell-Pope led the Lakers (0-2) with 15 points, five rebounds and four assists. Lonzo Ball finished with eight points and four assists, but also had four turnovers in his second preseason game.

Bolt misses out on IAAF athlete of the year shortlist

MONACO (AP)—Usain Bolt, who won the IAAF world athlete of the year award six times, has not been included in the 10-men shortlist for this year's prize.



The only sprinter to capture the 100- and 200-meter track titles at three consecutive Olympics, Bolt retired after this year's world championships in London. He holds the world record of 9.58 seconds in the 100 and 19.19 in the 200.

Bolt's farewell major meet didn't go well. After a third-place finish in the 100, Bolt's last race ended in the anguish of an injured hamstring while anchoring Jamaica's 4x100-meter relay team.

The male nominees are Mutaz Essa Barshim, Pawel Fajdek, Mo Farah, Sam

Kendricks, Elijah Manangoi, Luvo Manyonga, Omar McLeod, Christian Taylor, Wayde van Niekerk and Jóhannes Vetter.

The women's list includes Almaz Ayana, Anita Włodarczyk, Maria Lasitskene, Hellen Obiri, Sally Pearson, Sandra Perkovic, Brittney Reese, Caster Semenya, Ekaterini Stefanidi and Nafissatou Thiam.

The IAAF said Monday the finalists will be determined by a "three-way voting process." Half of the votes will come from the IAAF council, 25 percent from the IAAF member federations and committee members, and the remaining 25 percent from a public vote on social media.

The awards will be announced on Nov. 24.

Lack of hotel rooms concerns sports community

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REPORTER

Northern Marianas Sports Association executive director Tony Rogolifoi said the CNMI sports community is thankful for Gov. Ralph DLG Torres' support to sports tourism in the Commonwealth, but hopes problems in inadequate hotel rooms will be addressed, too.

"It's a good thing that tourists are coming back. But the problem is we lack the hotel rooms to accommodate them. Especially, athletes who wanted to either train here or compete in one of our sporting events," said Rogolifoi.

"Those who regularly visit Saipan to train here are having a hard time booking their accommodation because of the lack of hotel rooms. They usually train here during their



winter season because of our warm climate," the NMSA official added.

Four-time KBO League champions LG Twins, a South

also brought his sons to other sporting events while they were growing up in Guam.

As they get older, they would be seen shooting hoops or throwing a football on the basketball court. Everyone who saw them said they are natural born athletes," Juan Sr. said.

He added that Juan Jr. was also an excellent basketball player and is likewise into golf, baseball, and surfing. Juan Jr. has been religiously following the National Football League, especially its top running backs and slot receivers where he also patterns his football work ethic. His discipline in and out of the field helps him with his preparation for every match.

Juan Jr. said that talent alone will not get you into college to play sports.

"Live your dream, with incremental steps. Ask God to help you reach your dream and He will help you. [Also] take care of your academics. [Studies] is the first thing col-

Korean professional baseball team, were regular visitors on Saipan for their spring training. There were also Japanese teams who used to come to the

lege coaches ask you—your grade point average and SAT scores, and nothing about sports," added Juan Jr.

He believes that aside from having self-discipline, parental support, and guidance are important in the success of a student-athlete.

"Without parental support and guidance, most kids don't know how to get there or know the steps to get into college. Don't mess around with drugs or get into a bad situation. Stay on course, your prayers will be answered."

Juan Sr. said that Juan Jr. and Jujuan have the entire family's support in everything they wanted to become.

"We just hate it when they get injured, but they are special kids. We believed that God gave them that special talent. You have to see Juan Jr. play football to appreciate what he brings into the games.

His coaches, from youth to high school, will testify how great his football and basket-

game in the playoffs to march into the finals. Senen Pangilinan, Roel Barreto, Albert Pangilinan, J.R. Del Castillo, Cecilio Bisana, Marvin Diocares, and Chris Imbo are the members of the champion team.

The match was supposed to be played on Sept. 28, but both teams decided to move the finals to last Saturday due to conflict of schedule.

The Warriors, who topped the elimination round, outplayed and outhustled the Titans II in completing the race-to-nine title match. The Warriors defeated Tasha's Wild Bills, 9-3, in their first

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lowed suit in the 33rd and 39th minute. Shirley's fifth goal came off a Paire error in the 46th minute.

Paulyn Joyce posted the most goals last weekend with her five lifting Kanoa to a 7-1 triumph over MP United. Joyce knocked in four straight goals, scoring in the 21st, 33rd, 34th, and 50th minute, while her last was registered in the 53rd. Sharmaine Francisco handed Kanoa its first goal in the 15th minute, while Princess Alcantara found the back of the net in the 52nd. MP United's lone goal was courtesy of Maury Zon Tybaco, who hit her target in the 60th minute.

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TanHoldings 2, NDA 0

TanHoldings 1, MP United 1

TanHoldings edged National Development Academy in a make-up game last Friday at the Hopwood Middle School Field.

Joshua Waldo and Kirro Batino delivered the goals for TanHoldings, lighting up

competing in the CNMI-hosted tournaments is in line with the Commonwealth's plan to promote the islands as sports haven and all stakeholders must work together to boost sports tourism.

"This is not a project of the government alone. The government, NMSA, and MVA should work together to further push this. We have the sports facilities. All we need now are the amenities that would accommodate our visitors," Rogolifoi said.

The NMSA executive director added that having regular teams here or other athletes



Warriors rule Thursday League

In the Tuesday League division, the Chow Time-Blue Haus Destroyers scored a 9-5 win over the 9 Eleven Titans, while the 9 Eleven Docomo Hustlers completed a masterful 9-2 decision against Tasha's Straight Black Ball to move into the semifinals.



The Destroyers-Hustlers semis match was being played at press time along with the other Final Four pairing between Tasha's Crazy 8 and the Chow Time Assassins.

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| Tennessee | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 100 | 126 |
| Indianapolis | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 71 | 136 |

NORTH

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|------------|---|---|---|------|----|-----|
| Pittsburgh | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 90 | 59 |
| Baltimore | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 60 | 80 |
| Cincinnati | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 64 | 67 |
| Cleveland | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 63 | 107 |

WEST

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|---------------|---|---|---|-------|-----|----|
| Kansas City | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 122 | 77 |
| Denver | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 98 | 74 |
| Oakland | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 91 | 79 |
| L.A. Chargers | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 72 | 93 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|--------------|---|---|---|------|-----|----|
| Philadelphia | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 103 | 92 |
| Dallas | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 94 | 97 |
| Washington | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 91 | 89 |
| N.Y. Giants | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 60 | 95 |

SOUTH

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|-------------|---|---|---|------|-----|----|
| Atlanta | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 104 | 89 |
| Carolina | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 78 | 70 |
| Tampa Bay | 2 | 1 | 0 | .667 | 71 | 64 |
| New Orleans | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 93 | 78 |

North

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|-----------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| Detroit | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 99 | 70 |
| Green Bay | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 102 | 81 |
| Minnesota | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 79 | 76 |
| Chicago | 1 | 3 | 0 | .250 | 61 | 104 |

West

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|---------------|---|---|---|------|-----|-----|
| L.A. Rams | 3 | 1 | 0 | .750 | 142 | 105 |
| Seattle | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 94 | 77 |
| Arizona | 2 | 2 | 0 | .500 | 74 | 91 |
| San Francisco | 0 | 4 | 0 | .000 | 66 | 94 |

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2017 Bike and Run for Cure Prostrate and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month



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Raymond Tolentino of Pacific Islands Club-Saipan finishes ahead of two runners.



Leon Etienne celebrates as he nears the finish line of the 5-kilometer course.

Kosuke Sato raises his arms as he crosses the finish line in the 2017 Bike and Run for Cure Prostate and Childhood Cancer Awareness Month held last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.



Ella Zhang slows down after crossing the finish line.



Dr. Ken Pierson is among the more than 50 runners who joined the weekend event.



A female participant reacts after crossing the finish line.



Daniel Marzan completes the course from American Memorial Park to the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park and back.



Finishers pose for a group photo.



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Carol wins opener in Malaysia



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Carol Lee, seen here competing in a local tournament, prevailed in her debut match in the 1st ITF Perlis Junior Championship 2017 in Malaysia last Monday.

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The CNMI's Carol Lee had a rousing start in the 1st ITF Perlis Junior Championship 2017 after sweeping her first round opponent last Monday at the Tuanku Syed Putra Tennis Complex in Kangar, Perlis in Malaysia.

Lee is seeded second in the 32-player field and was paired against Poland's Natalia Michta in the opening round. The Commonwealth bet won by three points in the first set, 6-3, and played even better in the second, 6-1, to make



short work of Michta and move into the second round. In yesterday's Round 2, Lee was pitted against the Philippines' Melania Faye Dizon, who also needed only

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Tinian's King Jr. earns starting spot on collegiate squad

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Sr. of Tinian and Elizabeth Reyes of Guam, was born and raised in the Marianas' southernmost island and was recruited out of Guam High School. He wants to become a physical therapist, but also dreamed of playing top level football.

Juan King Jr., who traces his roots to Tinian, is trying to make a name in collegiate football while playing for the Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Missouri.

He is currently on his freshman year, taking up physical therapy at CSC after getting athletic and academic scholarships. Juan Jr., the youngest son of Juan

King's school is a member of the Heart of America Athletic Conference since 1980 and is also affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. He earned a

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Easy victories in girls U15 division

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Southern United Football Club, Kanoa FC, and Shirley's FC coasted past their respective opponents in the girls U15 division of the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Francisco M. Sablan

Middle School Field.



Southern United was ahead by only one after the first half, 2-1. Jerlyn Castillo powered Southern United to the convincing victory after hitting four goals. She scored all of them in the second half with the first one coming in the 46th minute and

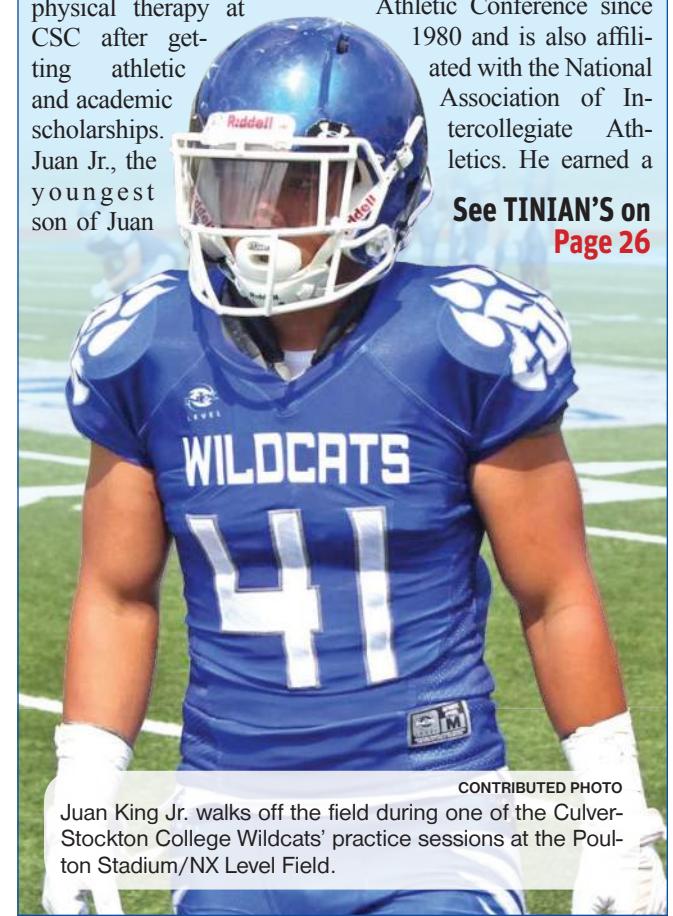
the last three in the 51st, 54th, and 84th minute. Keisha Deleon Guerrero contributed three goals, while Katelyn Palacios added two, and Mariana Castro made one. TanHoldings drew its lone goal from Mary Joy Aniana.

In other results, Shirley's notched its third win in as many games after topping Paire, 5-0.

Four different players hit the board for the defending champion with Katherine Magat starting things out for Shirley's with her shot in the ninth minute. A minute later, Lily Podiewski scored, while Valeria Myers and Therize Millare fol-

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Paire Football Club, left, and Shirley's FC players battle for possession during the first half of their girls U15 division game in the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Francisco M. Sablan Middle School Field.



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Juan King Jr. walks off the field during one of the Culver-Stockton College Wildcats' practice sessions at the Poulton Stadium/NX Level Field.